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IF YOU are among those fortunate ones who can remember the first decade of the century—the heydey of vodevil, the first automobiles, etc.—you no doubt sung with gusto, and many variations, the perennially popular song *"Everybody Works But Father."*

A reader of SOCIAL JUSTICE has just favored us with a parody on this old ballad. He doesn't say so, but we just know he's an old-timer. Also, his doggerel is pretty good, too.

He captions it: *"Everybody Fights But England"* and the chorus goes:

"Everybody fights but England,
For she holds distant sway,
Tilting the scales of power,
While others join the fray.
Uncle shells the wealth out,
Eyes covered up by wool;
Everybody fights, as usual,
But Old John Bull!"

A Letter from a Draftee's Ma

TO THE EDITOR:

May a mother with two boys in camp speak a word of advice to other boys? I had to write this after reading the soldiers' letters in SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Boys, don't think you can "lick" this administration, for you can't. Father Coughlin wore himself out warning us not to vote for President Roosevelt; that we were headed for the type of Government we have today; and he is absolutely correct when he says we richly deserve all we are getting.

But it is the poor boys who were led by the collar and the seat of the breeches into the concentration camps, and faced with ten years of imprisonment for insubordination that my heart bleeds for. Ten years of prison and dishonorable discharge from the Army is what one lad got when he did not sweep the dust from under his cot, etc.!

Now for a mother's advice. Control yourselves; keep your thoughts about the draft hidden. Don't rebel; it means court-martial. Don't desert. Every third person is a self-appointed Government spy and will report you to our *Gestapo.*

Get all the training you can without cost; it will help you when Roosevelt brings about the revolution, and we have to start building our America all over again.

Keep in touch with your Congressmen; this is peacetime and not war time, and free speech is not treason.

If your money is needed at home make an application for release through your captain or commander.

Boys, don't try to run away and get a bullet in the back. The folks at home need you.

You still have the right to vote. Use it in the 1944 elections—*and I don't need to tell you how!*

—My Draftees' Ma

Asking for It

"... the Roman Catholic Church is not letting any grass grow between the advancing German troops and the first wave of Catholic Missionaries sent out to win the occupied districts of Russia for Catholicism."

So comments *Time* Magazine.

Josef Stalin, who has religiously kept Catholic priests outside Russia, co-operated with his predecessor in murdering millions of Catholics inside Russia.

Stalin's views on Christianity and religion have not changed. Should his Red armies defeat Hitler, Catholic Christianity would disappear from Europe; and the Pope, if still alive, would probably be forced to seek sanctuary in America!

War-mongering clerics in the United States would do well to ponder on these considerations.

As a matter of fact, however, the "terrible" Hitler has not done to death either Catholics, Jews, or Protestant Christians in Nazi Germany, although there is no question but he has persecuted them and obstructed their activities.

Following this second World War—should the United States become a shooting partner in it—there will certainly be a reaction in America against the Hurleys, who will be partially responsible for the catastrophe which will ensue.

Let them not, at that date, sound the hypocrite's cry of "persecution"; for they will have asked for what they are about to receive.

Chicago Tribune Boycott

THE *Chicago Tribune* recently reported that:

"A popular front lineup of Communists, cookie pushers, and other front line fighters of the marshmallow set who bay for American participation in the European war have turned their chagrin upon the *Tribune* now that Red prospects no longer look so rosy as they did earlier in the Russo-German war.

"These heterogeneous elements are attempting to persuade Chicagoans that their pet schemes can be advanced by a boycott of the *Tribune.*

"They are dissatisfied with the *Tribune* for voicing the sentiments of the 80 per cent majority of Americans who are opposed to war.

"The boycott is being urged by a direct mail campaign, throwaway handbills, and stickers. In some cases this literature is sent out under a signature. More often, it is distributed anonymously."

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Most Americans applaud the *Chicago Daily Tribune* for the magnificent battle its owner and publisher has been putting up against the pro-Britisher, pro-Communist and vociferous war-mongers in America.

Naturally, the *Tribune* is an objective for attack by the New Dealers and others who fear the light of truth.

If it is war *news* you want; if it is *editorial courage* you respect, subscribe to the *Chicago Daily Tribune* and boycott the boycotters!

We're Sure of a Next Generation, Pete Reports

HELLO, FOLKS:

Dear me, where did th' las' week go! Seems t' me I was jus' here a day 'r so ago. I guess I'll never get over bein' s'prised 'bout how fast th' days slip by, which isn't haf as s'prisin' as how littul I c'n manage t' do in 'em. Some peepul live by somebuddy's motto that ses never t' put off til t'morra what y' c'n do t'day, but I've put it inta reverse—I never do t'day ennything that I c'n possubly put off til t'morra. Sometimes it gets me inta a bit uv trubbul but ushully I get along allright with my sistum. Sometimes it even weeks out better'n th' other way, 'cause it kinda gives me more time t' think things over. I b'leeve in th' old sayin' that haste makes waste. That's my faverut.

Reely, folks, I'm at a loss t' know what t' say—f'r once in my young life I haven't a thing t' komplain 'bout. My littul werld is kwite in order 'n ev'rybuddies happy. Th' paper is keepin' up t' par—we think—'n th' sirkulashun is satisfaktery—thanks t' you, my good friends. Not only that, all my famly're well 'n what more c'd ennybuddy ask f'r?

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I'm happy t' report that I'm not th' only happy person in this orgunizashun. Nope, I yeeld th' place uv oner t' th' gentulman from Indiana—none other than E. (wanna know what *that* stan's f'r?—I'll tell y' sometime) Perrin Schwartz, our belovud editer, whose beemin' kountununce makes it unnesussary f'r us t' patronize th' Detroit Edison Kumpn'y (we hope it lasts) 'cause he's now a gran'pappy!

Yep, f'r th' first time—'n t' kap th' klimax, it's a boy. That in itself is kwite a novulty in his family. All his offspring're girls. I'm tellin' you, nobuddy'd been more disapointed if this young 'un 'd been a Nancy insted uv a Michael—that's what th' fond granpappy is gonna call him even if he is chrisuned somethin' else. I kinda like th' sound uv th' name myself—Mike Donohue. What d' y' think?

His mother's also well known t' th' staff 'n sum o' y' folks, too, I gess f'r she was here long 'fore my time—Jean Perrin Schwartz had her name on lotsa artikuls in th' ol' magazeen.

We all welkum th' littul newkomer inta our midst. Maybe he'll be th' one that we've been waitin' f'r t' kleen up this ol' world, eh? Why, he might even take up where his deer ol' granpop left off, who knows? We hope SOCIAL JUSTICE 'll be flerishin' so's he can—'n we don't wanna have enny child laber 'round here, either.

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Another 'f th' ol' gurrls was in las' week—Marguerite—Pal us'ta know her reel well. She hadda littl' son with her, almost a year old now. My, my, I gess there's no doubt o' us havin' a next generashun t' carry things on around here.

Well, I gess that winds up all my news, folks. So I think I'll be on my way. When y' haven't ennything more t' say, that's what y're s'posed t' do in this biznuss, what with space so valy'bul 'n all. So, once again I'll say s'long—see y' nex' week if all goes well. By that I meen, if enuf uv these littl' subskripshun blanks come back t' us all filled in with y'r name 'n address 'r th' name uv some friend so's th' Boss'll think I'm werth my salt.

—Pete

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Just living annual wage.
Nationalization of important public resources.
Private ownership of all other property.
Control of private property for public good.
Abolition of Federal Reserve Banking System and establishment of a Government-owned Central Bank.
Restoration to Congress of its sole right to coin and regulate the value of money.
Cost of living maintained on an even keel.
Cost of production plus a fair profit for the farmer.
Labor's right to organize.
Recall of non-productive bonds.
Abolition of tax-exempt bonds.
Broadened base of taxation on basis of ownership and capacity to pay.
Simplification of Government and lower taxes.
Conscription of wealth as well as men in event of war
Sanctity of human rights preferred to sanctity of property with Government's chief concern for the poor.

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Comment

Times Call for Honesty —Away With Cowardice!

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S Labor Day speech was nothing more than a repetition of what he has been saying for many months.

The important thing about it is that he keeps repeating that Hitler must be destroyed by an all-out American effort.

Consider that 80 per cent of Americans are opposed to a shooting war; consider that Congress has not declared war. With these two thoughts in mind, one can better appreciate the square-jawed tenacity behind F. D. R.'s Catonian refrain — *"Carthego delendum est"*—"Hitler must be destroyed."

As yet, Mr. Roosevelt has not had the frankness to state plainly his reasons why Hitler should be detroyed. True, Mr. and Mrs. American were told that the German leader is anti-Christian—and must be destroyed; that he is a barbarian—and must be destroyed; that he is an aggressor—and must be destroyed; that he is a persecutor of Jews—and must be destroyed; that he is the world's worst menace—and must be destroyed.

The above reasons are circumventions. The real reason lies in the direction of economics. Plainly, Hitler's financial and economic system cannot live in the same world with America's financial and economic system.

To save his international banking based on gold and debt, Roosevelt will plunge America into war—a losing war, perforce.

Roosevelt can't win. Roosevelt and Churchill combined can't win. They can marshal their forces—men, money, munitions and natural resources — and they can't win.

The reason is obvious because, in the marshalling of all these things, there is the inevitable result of bankruptcy.

It will be a financial bankruptcy.

It will be a constitutional bankruptcy.

It will be a moral bankruptcy.

Three hundred billion dollars of national debt will be written upon our public records before Roosevelt and Churchill combined can defeat Hitler and his peculiar financial and economic system.

That stupendous amount of credit money will depreciate the purchasing power of the dollar to the token point.

It will nullify the security of every insurance policy.

It will necessitate the nationalizing of every bank, industrial plant and public utility.

And all this will take place through the instrument of taxation which, year by year, will drill deeper into the revenues of manufacturer, trader, professional man, farmer and worker.

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The international system of finance which Roosevelt and Churchill are attempting to defend thrives only on quick conquests which force upon the conquered the use of credit money; thrives only on compound interest accruing to the conquerors.

Through that method both Britain and the United States — devotees of financial imperialism — gained and held control of the world.

And that day's sun has set.

There is no hope for an economic conquest on the part of Roosevelt and Churchill. Before they can topple Hitler from the throne of Europe, the two champions of financial imperialism will become hoist by their own petard.

Evidences of this already are abundant: The national debt is climbing; taxes are becoming confiscatory; regimentation of industry, commerce, finance, labor and man power are definitely with us.

Week by week, we are spinning into the orbit of the totalitarianism (the financial and economic Hitlerian system) which we abhor.

Eventually, the simple law of political gravitation will hold us fast on a permanent pathway until some other Hitler—a century or two in the offing—like a huge comet will crash into the *status quo* to disrupt the gravitation of totalitarianism.

The thesis long expressed in these pages still invites respect, namely, that Hitler will conquer Roosevelt and Churchill by forcing themselves to spend themselves into destruction.

Though it be heresy to express facts, let the facts endure to defend themselves.

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Mr. Roosevelt's Labor Day speech reflects the superhuman power of the small group who, like blind leaders, are leading the blind populace into the horrible ditch of war.

They flout reason even to the point of assassinating our *Constitution*, our way of living, our freedom of occupation, our liberty of production, and our choice of vocation.

They assail democracy in its most vulnerable organ by contemning the will of the majority.

They poinard the very heart of their own policy by reducing gold and international credit to a rubble heap more useless and inefficient than are the ruins of Coventry.

Samson shaking the pillars of the temple — and bringing about his own destruction therefrom — was no more ludicrous than is Roosevelt who is toppling the pillars of Americanism at this moment.

The oriental Delilah who seduced him cannot save him in his extremity.

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Coincident with Roosevelt's Labor Day speech were the pronouncements made by many British editors to the effect that the Yanks are not coming.

For two years Britain, resting upon the pre-war promises of Roosevelt and his emissaries, fought, retreated, suffered and soured. The mighty river of American production, according to these editors, proved to be nothing more than a trickling stream. Thousands of American airplanes proved to be hundreds. Millions of American rifles proved to be thousands. And legions of American soldiers proved to be swivel-chaired commissioners and white-collared Jimmy Roosevelts.

Britain is disappointed. And the soul of Britain — England — is filled with black misgivings.

The most immoral aspect of the entire Roosevelt "all aid for Britain" is the yellow streak of cowardice which it paints upon the American character.

The President tells us this is our war. The President informs us that Hitler must be destroyed. And the President hides behind the tattered garments of Miss Britannia.

Under any circumstances, war is a horrible thing. But under present circumstances, war is a most dishonorable thing. Mr. Roosevelt is content to fight it with words. He is satisfied to pursue it with promises. While he says it is our war, we grovel in the shelter of a bomb-proof cellar 3,000 miles distant from the actual fighting.

If it is our war, get from behind the skirts of Britannia and fight it like men!

It is bad enough to be beaten. It is infinitely worse to write indelibly upon the escutcheon of American traditions the record of a cowardice the like of which this world has never witnessed.

Mr. Roosevelt's position is absolutely un-

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tenable. Either the *Fight for Freedom Committee* is right or the *America First Committee* is right.

Either get all in or get all out!

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Mr. Roosevelt's Labor Day speech was unfortunate. It is high time for the President to turn off the spigot of oratory and get something done that is constructive, either actually aiding Great Britain with material other than words, or actually cutting loose from Great Britain and Soviet Russia — yes, Russia — whom he is now pledged to aid in defense of religion, democracy, freedom and prosperity.

What a pattern of persiflage!

One thing is to be said in Hitler's favor, if not in Roosevelt's: Hitler is an activist, not a promissor.

One thing in Stalin's favor, if not in Roosevelt's: Stalin is no hypocrite in his hatred for religion, for democracy and for capitalistic civilization.

One thing in Churchill's favor, if not in Roosevelt's: He knew how to retreat gracefully from the untenable positions of Norway, France and Greece.

And the major thing which we Americans demand is that we cease pursuing a policy of cowardice.

Let us be honest and cashier the fine words spoken in defense of Christianity, of religion, of democracy, of Britain, of international capitalism to get all behind England and Russia with our last dollar and our last man — or let us be courageous enough to say, *"A plague on both your houses!"*

Impatience with 'Details'

THE *Cleveland Plain Dealer* which usually out-Roosevelts the President on the go-get-Hitler theme, is not so blindly loyal to the New Deal administration as to ignore the bungling failure to take practical steps for domestic recovery.

Reporting President Roosevelt's first press conference in Washington since his return from the historic conference with Winston Churchill, Walker S. Buel, the *Plain Dealer's* Washington correspondent, wrote that the President's mind "seemed to be upon the far horizons of world policy. * * * He indicated impatience with nearer details."

"Here, it occurs to us, may be the answer, in part at least, to the unhappy situation on the home front," says a *Plain Dealer* editorial.

"It is not easy to create great enthusiasm for, and build national unity around, the 'far horizons of world policy.'

"If the nation is to be unified and the best effort put forth in behalf of the great cause to which our leaders have committed us, it must have an opportunity to think about and to work on some of the nearer details of the program.

"Furthermore, its confidence in our political leadership must be restored and assurances given that in this effort to save democracy for the world the American way of life shall not be sacrificed.

"It is unfortunately a fact that many are unable to put their hearts and their souls into the defense program because they believe some of those who hold key positions in the defense organization and in other government positions are using the defense emergency 'as a camouflage . . . to put over a scheme of State Socialism.'

"The thought expressed on the floor of the Senate by Senator Harry F. Byrd is widely entertained that while the Government calls upon the public to yield everything to the rearmament effort, the Government through its multiple agencies goes on as before, spending money freely for non-essential activities and services and setting a particularly bad example both for state and local governments and for individual citizens as well."

Archbishop Spellman Takes His Stand

THE *Catholic News,* published in the interest of the Archdiocese of New York, definitely has committed itself on the question of Communism versus Naziism. The commitment was contained in an editorial entitled, *"A Pattern for Action."*

In these days, when certain compromisors and pussy-footers are debating whether Naziism is a more serious menace to Christianity than is Communism, the New York paper (Aug. 30), as an aftermath to Associate Justice Murphy's harangue, reminded its readers that Communism is "intrinsically wrong, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any manner whatsoever."

Here follows the *Catholic News* editorial:

"Four years ago, the neo-pagan movement in Germany inspired by the Nazi government reached such proportions that the Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, issued, in the form of an encyclical letter to the Bishops of Germany, a new protest.

"It was a time, His Holiness wrote, 'when the open fight against confessional schools protected by the *Concordat,* and suppression of liberty of choice for those who have a right to Catholic education, reveal, in a field particularly vital to the Church, the tragic seriousness of the situation, and a condition of spiritual oppression such as never before has been witnessed.'

"But the Church's troubles in Germany did not distract the attention of His Holiness from the other and greater threat to the Church and to Christian civilization then and now dominating Soviet Russia.

"The very week in which the Supreme Pontiff was thus occupied with protests against the tragic fruits of Naziism, he issued his historic encyclical on Communism.

" 'Communism,' said the Holy Father, 'is intrinsically wrong, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any undertaking whatsoever.

" 'Those who permit themselves to be deceived into lending their aid toward the triumph of Communism in their own country will first fall as victims to their error.'

"The Holy Father in penning these memorable words drew from the treasury of the divinely-established Church's wisdom and experience. He spoke as the Common Father of all the Faithful. He was speaking against the background of no nation's particular interest, but in the interest of all humanity.

"Catholics, Christians, all religious-minded persons have an obligation to examine all current proposals in the light of these principles, whether these proposals flow out of conferences of leaders of nations, *or of high officials addressing Catholic convention groups.*

"May God grant that those guiding the destinies of nations will see the wisdom of fidelity to principle, and foresee the tragedy which departure from it would bring especially in the circumstances now facing our people. May they be forearmed by the Holy Father's warning that 'those who permit themselves to be deceived into lending their aid toward the triumph of Communism in their own country will fall as victims to their error'."

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It is observed that the above editorial appeared under a box in which Archbishop Spellman said:

"Feast of St. Francis de Sales
"January 29, 1942

"Dear Editor of *The Catholic News:*

"I am deeply gratified to learn of the increased number of subscribers to *The Catholic News.* This is at once a satisfaction and a challenge. It is a satisfaction because it is a proof that *The Catholic News* is fulfilling its mission paralleling the missions of the home and the school in building and strengthening the foundations of religious and moral life and the mission of the pulpit in preaching the Gospel of Christ and the Following of Christ. It is a challenge to continue and to intensify the efforts not alone to be informative in matters of Catholic interest but also exhortative and exemplificative in promoting Catholic Action.

"Very sincerely yours in Christ
"F. J. Spellman
"Archbishop of New York"

Bravo for Archbishop Spellman and the *Catholic News* which His Excellency endorses!

Computation for winners in the "JUBILEE" circulation prize contest, recently closed, is proceeding as rapidly as a large staff of clerks can enter the returns and calculate the vote-credits.

The contest was a success from all angles and many thousands of additional subscriptions accrued to the magazine. More than 25 States of the Union were represented by campaigners and, it is anticipated, there is a close race for some of the leading cash awards.

It is hoped that winners can be announced in SOCIAL JUSTICE of September 29.

The Catholic Position

IN HIS famous encyclical letter *"Divini Redemtoris"* on atheistic Communism, His Holiness Pope Pius XI said:

"For them (the peoples of the Soviet Union) we cherish the warmest paternal affection.

"We are well aware that not a few of them groan beneath the yoke imposed upon them *by men who in very large part are strangers to the real interests of the country.*

"We recognize that many others are deceived by fallacious hopes.

"We *blame only the system with its authors and abettors* who considered Russia the best prepared field for experimenting with a plan elaborated years ago; and who from there continue to spread it from one end of the world to the other."

Comment

New Deal Exempts Some Corporations From Taxes

THE POOR man pays and pays and pays.

The American businessman is bled, bled and bled.

But certain big internationalist corporations, radio chains and soft drink manufacturers, operating in America, are all set to make huge profits because the New Deal plays favoritism in the midst of a crisis.

These assertions are backed up by a congressional committee which, according to the *New York Herald Tribune* (Aug. 30), said: "The committee also voted today to exempt strategic metals industries from the excess profits tax. Senator George said the exemption would reduce revenue *only a few hundred thousand dollars.*"

Isn't that lovely!

The big metal corporations can keep intact a few hundred thousand dollars extra profit.

The little dinner pail workman, the factory slave, the drafted soldier, the persecuted farmer, the high cost of living housewife and the rest of us can't keep our few extra profit dollars.

In the whole history of the New Deal there has been nothing so rotten and rank as the legislation proposed in connection with the recent $3½-billion tax levy.

While the Senate Finance Committee was manipulating this $3,672,400,000 tax bill into final shape, its members inadvertently advertised to the American public the identity of those for whom we are fighting the war, for whom we are sacrificing, for whom we are accepting the totalitarian form of life. As usual, they are the profiteers, the blood merchandisers, the lineal descendants of the Judas Iscariots who waxed fat with their 30 pieces of silver following the first World War.

Incredible as it is, industries producing strategic metals necessary for defense are exempt from paying excess profit tax.

Bully for the Guggenheims!

Bravo for the Rothschilds!

And cherio for the Sassoons, Morgans, Schlessingers and big shots in steel, copper and other metals!

On top of it, newspapers headlined the story that Mr. Roosevelt "is highly pleased with the new tax bill."

Possibly, he is pleased because small town yokels failed to discover its immoral inequalities.

Possibly, he was pleased because he found a way, through the Senate committee, to pad the pockets of his internationalist war supporters and propagandists.

Meanwhile, the tax committee rejected levies on outdoor advertising and radio networks — radio networks owned or controlled by orientals who are American citizens. The National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting System and the Mutual Broadcasting Company will save by this rejection a cool, cold $1,750,000 which will go a long way helping them to besmirch the air with their vile propaganda.

Have we read of anything rawer in New Deal favoritism?

More incredible is the favoritism shown to the Coca Cola company whose main office happens to be located in Senator George's district.

Soft drinks are exempt from excess profits taxation in the new $3½-billion levy against the American workers.

The poor workers who buy the soft drinks are not exempted.

The innocent soldiers who bare their breasts to a steel bullet are not exempted from taxation. The new levy reaches down into the pocketbooks of every married man earning $1,500; to every single person earning $750. But the "big shots" who profit from war, who advertise war, half truths, prejudice and jazz — they are exempted from this new levy.

Senator George in supporting the exemption of Coca Cola (head offices in Atlanta, Ga.) may have had no more relation to that corporation than did other committee men to the miners of tungsten, manganese, platinum, chromite, etc., etc.

Likely the man in the street has not read of the paragraphs and sentences of the new tax bill. At present he is too interested in debating all aid for Britain to read the story of New Deal favoritism.

For weeks, clean-shaven, perfumed lobbyists have been hanging around Washington committee doors to make sure that radio advertising, billboard advertising, soft drink and strategic metal industries could keep on singing *"Happy Days Are Here Again."* The poor man had no lobbyist. The poor man can sing *"Over the Hill to the Poor House."*

The only slap on the wrist these huge corporations received was a super tax in the House Bill of 5 per cent on the first $25,000 income and 6 per cent above that level.

The normal corporation tax of 24 per cent on incomes above $25,000 was left at the same level.

Wealthy couples — man and wife — were exempted from being forced to pay a common tax. And this left a $300-million deficit which was transferred to the factory worker, the farmer and the small town yokel to pay in their stead. In fact, $354-million was estimated as the price which these run o' mine Americans will have to pay as a result of the exemptions bestowed Santa Claus-like upon the mining monopolists, the radio propagandists and the soft drink broncos, and the rich married couples like the Roosevelts—Franklin and Eleanor.

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The $3½-billion lunge at the heart of American prosperity is full of other inequalities. For example, if you drive either a Cadillac or a jallopy you pay $5 as a contribution to Britain, to Russia and to the American war-mongering profiteers.

If you plan to buy some household equipment — a new cradle for the grandchild or a coffin for the grandfather — you pay 10 per cent more to help keep America safe for the refugees.

When will America catch up with the tax manipulators, the New Deal Santa Clauses who have grown so patriotic recently that they are busting their vest buttons for the profiteers, propagandists and mining monopolists?

Yes, Johnny and Mary, go out and buy your bonds and keep the treadmill moving!

Oil Crisis 'Phony,' Railroads Show

REVERSING a traditional procedure, J. J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, last week poured water — cold water — on the troubled oils of Harold Ickes' manipulated petroleum shortage.

Testifying before a Senate committee investigating the alleged oil shortage on the Eastern seaboard, Mr. Pelley disclosed that the estimated 174,000-barrel daily shortage easily could be remedied by pressing into service 20,000 idle railroad tank cars capable of transporting 200,000 barrels of oil a day to the Eastern states.

Pelley virtually called Ralph K. Davies, deputy defense oil co-ordinator, a liar for having told the committee earlier that Davies had "continually invited the railroads" to supply definite information on the number and location of available idle cars, but that the only response had been in "generalities."

Quite to the contrary, said Pelley, he gave Davies a copy, last June, of a thorough survey made by the railroad association, and declared, "I have never had any request from Mr. Davies for information."

Furthermore, he continued, the findings of the railroad association were confirmed by a survey made last May by the American Petroleum Institute, and by a more recent study undertaken by tank car owners and lessees.

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Railroads long have sought some of the oil transportation business, he added, but have been unsuccessful because rail transport is about six times as expensive as water transport. However, he declared, "We have repeatedly voiced willingness to consider rate reductions if the business developed in sufficient volume."

As a direct result of Pelley's testimony Davies subsequently announced that 11 large eastern oil companies had signed pledges "to ask for and utilize all available railroad tank cars."

Obviously, Davies was goaded into action by Pelley's disclosures. Neither he nor his superior, Secretary Ickes, had taken any initiative in trying to fill the shortage which they said existed as the result of the transfer of ocean tankers to the British.

The suspicion grows stronger, therefore, that the shortage, if any, *was deliberately created by the Administration as part of the conspiracy to "bring the war home" to the American people.*

Americans have not become sufficiently aroused with this war hysteria. Such things as "oil shortages" make the public feel the pinch of war and condition the people for future sacrifices.

But in this one instance the plan seems to have gone awry, despite the best efforts of Messrs. Ickes and Davies.

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Now that Great Britain has joined hands with Josef Stalin in a 100 per cent military alliance, why cannot Mr. Churchill get as much oil from Russia as Germany obtained during the past year?

The answer is plain. Britain *would be forced to buy oil from Russia.*

It is cheaper for her to get it for nothing from the United States!

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'Total War' Means *Total!*

THIS WAR, and the revolutions which preceded and accompany it, have ruthlessly destroyed as many illusions and ideals as they have devastated cities and villages.

Many a conception that has been universally accepted as authoritative and definitive has been completely destroyed and thrown into the rubbish heap, together with the worthless debris of formerly peaceful homes.

There is a strange, appalling parallel between the material destruction this war has wrought and the annihilation in the spiritual spheres of human life. It is this parallel which makes us understand the full, sinister meaning of the words *"total war"!*

"All-out war" is a result of the application of the totalitarian principles adopted by totalitarian States, both fascist and bolshevist.

In that respect, too, the war has proved to be "but the continuation of politics with other means."

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The same spirit which motivates soldiers in breaking down boundaries, conquering and occupying nations, and enslaving citizens, actuates their national leaders in breaking down boundaries and destroying principles in economics, morals, education, philosophy and art.

The revolution of *nihilism*, so apparent in the philosophies of both dictatorships and democracies, does not recognize limits nor acknowledge boundaries.

Everything is fluctuating. Everything is flowing—but in an altogether different sense than the Greek philosophers accepted the meaning of this term.

The Greek philosophers described the river of creation as all things coming from nothingness into being. What we witness is the reverse—a destructive torrent inundates everything, turning order into chaos, tearing down variety-making boundaries, and stamping the multitude of forces and colors into a uniform mass of "field gray" under the heavy weight of a political, military and economic machine.

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During the last two months, the world has seen the "scorched earth policy" carried from the field of military battle into the realm of ideology.

The art of propaganda, a much cultivated and highly developed science in the Totalitarian States, has become a kind of propaganda of art.

Artists have been clapped into the dark gray uniforms of soldier propagandists and drafted into the army of the different Ministries of Information and so-called "enlightenment."

Dr. Goebbels has treated the world to a free lecture by the British humorist, P. G. Wodehouse, once a week, until he was recently replaced by an unknown artist.

Every evening, too, we have been receiving one act of a Richard Wagner opera direct from the famous Beyreuth Festival.

Several times over this period, Mrs. Winifred Wagner, Richard Wagner's daughter-in-law, and now head of the Wagner festivals, has appeared before the microphone and talked about the composer, his work, the famous singers of Beyreuth—and Herr Hitler.

She said it was a happy inspiration of Der Fuehrer to insist on the Beyreuth festivals during war time; they were suspended during the first World War of 1914-18. Then came praise of the Fuehrer and the National Socialist totalitarian ideology.

Since the beginning of the hostilities in Russia, the Soviet has created a whole new *technique* of propaganda through art.

Having lived in a world purposely secluded by a modern Chinese Wall, so as to keep out all *bourgeois* interest, curiosity and influence, the U.S.S.R. needed interpreters to whom the world would listen.

The only internationally-known people at its disposal were liberal novelists, artists and scientists. Thus, these have been drafted into the Red army of propaganda. You can hear them—poets, composers, scientists on the radio; and, sometimes, you find them using the same words and phrases as the Bureau of Information in its official *communiques*.

The difference between a *communique* and such a "political war story," nowadays, is merely the by-line.

Thus, in war, do nations poison the wells and fountains of knowledge, science and art.

Destruction of culture and civilization proceeds apace with the destruction and desecration of war, wrought by dictatorships and democracies alike.

Jews, Catholics and Russia

THE American Jewish weekly, *The Sentinel* (Aug. 28) reveals the following peculiar analysis:

"There is a good deal of opposition to Russia in the United States. One element of opposition is that of the fundamentalist Catholics. Strangely enough, the opposition of the Pope to Russia in this latest phase of the war, has not been marked. He recognizes Hitler and Nazism as the greatest enemies of civilization. But it is his untutored followers who are making the trouble. They will not, however, probably get very far."

Dr. G. George Fox, the author of this *Sentinel* editorial is under the impression that there are two types of Catholics in the United States—*fundamentalists and non-fundamentalists.*

As if there were Beckmanites and Hurleyites!

The "untutored followers" referred to by the Jewish magazine, stand for peace. The "smart" set are the war-mongers.

A condensation of the article also reveals that the Jews, who are practically 100 per cent pro-Russia and pro-British, now realize that America is hopelessly split in its determination to intervene in this foreign war which Mr. Roosevelt has tried to make our war.

There is so much concern over this split in America that some Jewish publicists want Lindbergh suppressed.

They forget that you can't cure a cancer by bandaging it. And you can't destroy the sun by plucking out your own eyes.

The war propagandists should face these facts.

It will be better to organize a national defense for America by Americans who know that the British cause is doomed.

It is not too late for us to achieve unity on the basis of America for Americans.

Wish-thinking to the end that Britain will save us; to the end that Britain is our first line of defense, is intellectual drivel. Britain never saved us in the past. Britain will not save us in the future.

Even should Germany lose the war, it will not be Britain who will win the war. Precisely, it will be Soviet Russia. And a victory for Russia means a victory for Bolshevism throughout Europe and England.

No; there are no "fundamentalist" Catholics versus "non-fundamentalist" Catholics.

There are Catholics who are either good or bad, loyal or disloyal, logical or illogical.

The good, loyal, logical Catholics hold fast to the proposition that *Communism is intrinsically wrong.*

The bad, disloyal and illogical Catholics are they who would cashier Pius XI's statement.

Roosevelt Was Right: We Head to Bankruptcy

LAST WEEK we quoted warnings made by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932 wherein he told America that if any Government "continues to pile up deficits, then it is on the road to bankruptcy."

"Let us have the courage to stop borrowing to meet continuing deficits," Mr. Roosevelt said as he campaigned for the Presidency for the first time.

"It is my pledge and promise that this dangerous kind of financing shall be stopped, and that rigid governmental economy shall be forced by a stern and unremitting administration policy of living within our income," he declared.

Below is a table compiled by a Washington economist, showing the net results of that Roosevelt promise.

point out that the "emergency" includes financing wars all over the globe, and that our gigantic defense program obviously is aimed at American participation in the war to save the British Empire or carry on the empire's program after it falls.

Lest we be misunderstood, we emphasize that SOCIAL JUSTICE heartily approves expenditures necessary for real national defense — for an Army, Navy and air force that will make this nation impregnable. The New Deal "defense" program, however, encompasses the whole world, a program of aggression which Mr. Roosevelt proposes to police at the expense of every American.

The cost of this program, on the basis of appropriations, authorizations and Presidential recommendations before Congress for the most part — will ever be repaid.

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Contrast this attitude with that of Candidate Roosevelt in 1932 when he said the country was *facing bankruptcy because of deficit financing!*

According to the accompanying schedule the average annual deficit from 1927 to 1933 was $657-million. In the seven succeeding years — 1934 to 1940 — Mr. Roosevelt, who promised to reverse the Republican spending policies and put a stop to deficit spending, *increased the average annual deficit more than five-fold.*

The $657-million which so alarmed Mr. Roosevelt is mere *bagatelle* compared to the annual New Deal deficit of $3,457,000,000. The latter figure, of course, includes none of the billions and billions of deficit spending incident to the war and defense program.

A view of what is yet to come was afforded us recently by Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, outstanding interventionist and recognized as an Administration spokesman. He predicted that the United States would soon be spending $100-billion a year for prosecution of the war to defeat Hitler.

Anyone with the slightest knowledge of economics realizes that neither that, nor the current scale of borrowing, can long continue without a complete crack-up.

Unquestionably, the nation is heading just where Mr. Roosevelt said it was in 1932. It is rushing pell-mell toward bankruptcy under the guidance and direction of the same Mr. Roosevelt.

The following table shows total federal appropriations and authorizations for the two fiscal years 1941 and 1942 — a total of $67,559,885,510. The compilation includes all Presidential recommendations before Congress as of August 1, 1941. Complete details on these appropriations and authorizations may be found in the Congressional Record for July 24, 1941, page 6440 et seq. The table:

DEPARTMENT	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1941	Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1942
Army	$13,283,577,072	$11,987,179,831
Navy	4,466,286,457	12,391,918,072*
Other national defense	1,336,671,908	2,460,970,250
Total defense	$19,086,535,437	$26,840,068,153
Lend-lease fund		7,000,000,000
Civil functions	7,487,971,964	7,145,309,956
TOTAL ALL FEDERAL	$26,574,507,401	$40,985,378,109
GRAND TOTAL FOR TWO YEARS		$67,559,885,510

RECAPITULATION	
Cash expenditures for fiscal '41	$12,710,000,000
Cash expenditures for fiscal '42 to date	1,600,000,000
Civil functions balance fiscal '42 to date	6,500,000,000
Defense contract commitments unpaid	23,684,585,982*
Defense authorizations still to be contracted	23,065,299,528*
TOTAL	$67,599,885,510

Average *annual* federal expenditures 7 years 1927-33	$ 4,057,000,000#
Average *annual* deficit 7 years 1927-33	$ 657,000,000
Average *annual* federal expenditures 7 years 1934-40	$ 7,843,000,000#
Average *annual* deficit 7 years 1934-40	$ 3,457,000,000
Annual deficit for fiscal years ended June 30, 1941	$ 5,103,000,000
National debt July 1, 1941	$48,961,487,962 = ($371.21 per capita)
Budgeted deficit fiscal '42	$10,900,000,000
Estimated debt as of July 1, 1942	$59,861,487,962 = ($454.25 per capita)
National debt June 30, 1933	$22,538,672,164 = ($179.21 per capita)

*These items include, between them, $8,095,173,256 in appropriations and authorizations for the fiscal year 1942 still in various phases of the legislative process; plus $7,297,000,000 needed after 1942 to complete the two-ocean navy and other long-term defense projects as now authorized.

#Does not include annual average of $670,000,000 postal expenditures paid directly from postal receipts.

Nowhere in American history has there been a more flagrant violation of a solemn pledge to the electorate than in this unparalleled Roosevelt record of deficit financing.

Appropriations and authorizations for the fiscal years 1941 and 1942 alone are nearly three times as great as the total Federal debt at the time President Roosevelt took office!

But this is an "emergency," you may say. Well, we won't go into that here except to

as of August 1, 1941, will total more than $67½-billion for the fiscal years 1941 and 1942. The national debt when Mr. Roosevelt became President was $22½-billion.

While a certain amount of the current expenditures admittedly are necessary in the interest of national defense, it is apparent that the Administration thinks no more of spending $1-billion than its predecessors did of spending $1-million. And, obviously, there is no thought whatsoever of how these many billions — borrowed

More Jobless Won't Help

WE ARE "only beginning to realize all the implications in the change-over from a peacetime to a wartime economy," warns the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch.*

"In spite of warnings, many of us believed that it would mean a boom. Blind to the experience of England, we expected unemployment to disappear. We were all set for another silk-shirt era.

"Well, there are not going to be any silk shirts for most of us. There are still millions of unemployed. And now we are learning about a new kind of joblessness — 'priority unemployment' it is being called.

"Thousands and thousands of workers are being made idle — some temporarily, others perhaps for the duration — because of plant change-overs or because plants not suited to military production are being deprived of raw materials. The silk stocking industry is an example. Not only factory workers are affected, but office employes and sales people all down the line.

"This is serious. Let's not fool ourselves about it.

"We will have a major problem on our hands if unemployment is allowed to increase in the face of increasing living costs.

"A nation at war — even if it is not a shooting war — must be strong. And this does not make for strength.

"Foresight could have ameliorated present difficulties. Foresight now can be counted on to smooth out many of the adjustments that still lie ahead.

"We have a big enough task on our hands without saddling ourselves with the worst problem of the depression — the unemployment problem, which, at best, was only half solved."

Whatdya Mean, Democracy?

Irish Terror Testifies to British Hypocrisy

INASMUCH as so many gullible Americans are being taken in by the hypocrisy of Prime Minister Winston Churchill and his proclaimed attachment for democracy, Christianity and the rights of small nations, it may be timely to recall again some of the Churchill-approved British atrocities in Ireland just 20 years ago.

An American committee — including 5 state governors, 11 United States senators, 13 representatives, the mayors of 15 large American cities, Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Keane, 4 Methodist bishops, various priests and ministers, educators, editors, buiness men and labor leaders appointed a commission to study conditions in Ireland under English rule.

Winston Churchill at the time was a member of Prime Minister Lloyd George's government and was largely responsible for the reign of terror in Ireland.

On March 8, 1921, the commission, comprised of Jane Addams, Senator George Norris of Nebraska and five others, filed its report.

It is an account of cruelty and barbarism not paralleled by any of the reported Hitler "atrocities" against the Jews.

Admitting that the direct testimony heard by the commission was almost entirely from the Irish Republican viewpoint, the commission emphasized that the British government had refused to send witnesses to the hearing and had sought to prevent Irish witnesses from coming to the United States to testify.

This was done by refusing passports to prospective witnesses. Certain Irish bishops were thus restrained, but other Irishmen, including Donal O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, circumvented that touch of British "democracy" by crossing the ocean as stowaways.

One Irish woman was shot at and her house raided after she had received an invitation to testify.

Previously however, as Dr. Edward I. Fenlon pointed out recently in the *Brooklyn Tablet*, the British Embassy had given public assurances that its government would refuse passports to no Irish witness.

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"What happened?" Dr. Fenlon asks rhetorically. "If you know the history of even some of the relations covering joint English-Irish affairs, you need hardly be told what happened. It was the same age-old double-dealing, the old, old pragmatism or opportunism, which is really the one thing."

Similarly, the British halted the commission's efforts to visit England and Ireland for first-hand information. After the investigating body had arranged to send a subcommittee to England and Ireland and had received passports from the United States State Department, "the British government through the Embassy refused visas."

Recognizing the difficulties overcome by those who journeyed to America to testify, the commission stated: "We wish to commend the frank and dispassionate spirit in which the Irish witnesses presented their testimony. They came to us in many cases under conditions of great personal inconvenience, or even danger. Insofar as they represented the Irish people before the commission, that people has cause for pride in them."

Although SOCIAL JUSTICE several months ago published the findings of the American Commission, some of the disclosures bear repetition, because they so deftly shatter the myth of Britain's "democracy, Christianity and concern for the rights of small nations."

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Consider well the following conclusions of the commission relative to conditions in Ireland from 1916 to 1921:

"We find that the Irish people are deprived of the protection of the British law, to which they would be entitled as subjects of the British King. They are, likewise, deprived of the protection granted by international law, to which they would be entitled as belligerents.

"They are at the mercy of Imperial British forces which, acting contrary to all law and to all standards of human conduct, have instituted in Ireland a 'terror,' the evidence of which seems to prove that —

"(1) The Imperial British Government has created and introduced into Ireland a force of 78,000 men, many of them youthful and inexperienced, and some of them convicts; and has incited that force to unbridled violence.

"(2) The British Imperial forces in Ireland have indiscriminately killed innocent men, women and children; have indiscriminately assassinated persons suspected of being Republicans; have tortured and shot prisoners while in custody, adopting the subterfuges of 'refusal to halt' and 'attempting to escape'; and have attributed to alleged 'Sinn Fein extremists' the British assassination of prominent Irish Republicans.

"(3) House burning and wanton destruction of villages and cities by Imperial British forces have been countenanced, and ordered by officials of the British Government; and elaborate provision by gasoline sprays and bombs has been made in a number of instances for systematic incendiarism as part of a plan of terrorism.

"(4) A campaign for the destruction of the means of existence of the Irish people has been conducted by the burning of factories, creameries, crops, and farm implements, and the shooting of farm animals. The campaign is carried on regardless of the political views of their owners, and results in widespread and acute suffering among women and children.

"(5) Acting under a series of proclamations issued by the competent military authorities of the British Imperial forces, hostages are carried by forces exposed to the fire of the Republican army; fines are levied upon towns and villages as punishment for alleged offenses of individuals; private property is destroyed in reprisals for acts with which the owners have no connection; and the civilian population is subjected to an inquisition upon the theory that individuals are in possession of information valuable to the military forces of Great Britain. These acts of the Imperial British forces are contrary to the laws of peace or war among modern civilized nations . . .

"It would appear that the natural fear of the Imperial British forces in Ireland is fostered by propaganda into terror under the auspices of the Imperial British Government.

"John Charles Clarke, an American, witnessed the shooting of a boy on the streets of Cork by two drunken Black and Tans, who, scarcely able to walk, fired into a crowd, and were then led away by their fellows . . .

"John Tangney, a former member of the British forces, testified concerning a raid in which he participated, on a village near Ballylarby:

" 'This County Inspector Lowndes had the orders, and he adjourned to an adjoining saloon and had a drink, and two young military officers, who were in charge of the military party, adjourned with him and got stupidly drunk. All three were drunk . . . We went home and the military were firing all the way back. I myself had to come to a soldier who was stupidly drunk and take a revolver out of his hand.'

"John Joseph Caddan, a former member of the R.I.C., testified that the men drank before going out to service, presumably as a spur to courage."

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Illegal raiding and looting of private homes, accompanied in many instances by the cold-blooded murder of innocent persons, was common.

Here is the testimony on just one of those instances:

"There were no lights at night on the streets of Bantry, and the Black and Tans or the R.I.C.—they were disguised so that one could not tell to which body they belonged—they knocked at the door. She (mother of a hunchback youth) answered the knock with a candle in her hand. The soldiers knocked the candle from her, using an electric light to light them up the stairs. The volunteer boy was not at home. The little hunchback boy ran from his own room into his brother's room. The mother rushed up the stairs after them, and was in sight of the tragedy when it occurred. 'My boy's hands were raised in prayer,' she said. 'They shot him through his uplifted hands.' "

Such were the atrocities committed by the British armed forces of present-day England, during and after the first World War, against a people who wished merely to exercise the right of self-determination —a principle which the British professed to be fighting for at that very time!

As Dr. Fenlon expressed it in the *Tablet:* "The Irish will never trust Churchill or Lloyd George or their associates — men known to be responsible for one of the very meanest recorded outrages of all time—the releasing of armed drunken convicts and irresponsible youths upon a people as the Irish. Nothing that I have thus far heard or read of the actual world catastrophe is comparable. Let Churchill inveigh, as he does and may do, against Hitler and Mussolini, for whom, indeed, none of us entertain sympathies of whatsoever sort of degree. I know well how the hand of God upon Churchill, who had more or less immediately to do with the 'black and tan' infamies, would be interpreted by hundreds of thousands of religious persons, even as they pray daily for him and suffering people."

Are the Nazis Losing? Let's Face Some Facts

ACCORDING to Moscow news reports, the Nazis are suffering "tremendous losses."

Be it remembered that the Reds do not permit foreign correspondents to report what is happening on the front lines.

Be it also remembered that there is a strange lack of allied or neutral news coming from the German troops, detailing their activities.

Meanwhile, American radios and newspapers are stressing the thought that Germany has bogged down; that the Russians are putting up an unbelievable battle; that 40 and 50-ton tanks without number are crushing the Nazi legions; that England has now gained mastery in the air; that Hitler's leaders are accomplishing almost nothing over London and other cities in the matter of bombing; that the Reich's submarines have lost their cunning.

Add all this up and it comes to an imponderable argument against the interventionists in this country who are clamoring to get the United States into a shooting war.

Why should we get into a shooting war, now that Germany is suffering a defeat? The war-mongers at home have jockeyed themselves into a bad pocket; for all this dour news they are disseminating militates against their war arguments and proposals.

In our opinion, there is another side to all this. First of all, the Russians are the first of all the belligerents to offer Germany a real fight. Every nation hitherto bowing before German arms was, more or less, a "push-over." Every democracy opposing the totalitarian forces of Hitler and Mussolini was rotting from within as a result of crooked politicians, constant depressions and frightful military and moral unpreparedness.

As a matter of fact, Germany has accomplished more in the Russian campaign than her forces achieved in the European campaign.

As a matter of fact, 537,200 tons of enemy merchant shipping was destroyed by German navy and air power during the month of August. This would indicate that the striking power of the Reich has not been lessened.

Britain is so weak that she is unable to attack Germany even while Hitler's forces are engaged on the Eastern Front.

As for the shortage of fuel, food, iron and other commodities, Germany is in a fair way to continue this war—fairer than is Britain who depends for life and activity upon ship power that is decreasing day by day.

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Consider that England, for example, is forced to import 80 per cent of all the food her people consume.

Consider that England is forced to import an equivalent percentage of materials for her direct war activities.

Consider that England is totally dependent on the United States, Canada, Australia, and Dutch East Indies, for her continuation of the war.

And, finally, consider that the hard-headed British editors unanimously agree now that the "Yanks are not coming." Agree that not only are the Yanks not coming, but that aid from the United States is inefficient.

All in all, the propagandists are again fighting a war of words. They did it when Germany invaded Poland, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Greece and Crete. They are still doing it and will continue to do it until Leningrad and Moscow fall; until London itself falls.

At present, Germany is producing more than 2,000 airplanes per month; more than 2,000 panzer units per month. Unquestionably, Germany is not "muddling through" as is Britain under Bevin and America under Wallace, in the matter of producing war needs.

No one recognizes this more than does the American Government which has now turned its attention to priority and which also has enunciated a policy of blacking-out unnecessary industries and peace-time occupations—just as Hitler did for the past seven years.

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As for the German-Russo war, we have few facts about any actual battle. Most military men are agreed that Germany's air power is supreme on the Eastern front. This means that Leningrad, if the worst comes to the worst, can be bombed out of existence, as can Moscow, Kiev and Odessa.

Beyond that line of Leningrad running South triangularly through Moscow to Odessa, the Germans have no desire to go. It is their intention to freeze their line at that point because, beyond it, Russia has tremendous man power but little or no industrial and cereal power.

The fall of Moscow will mean just as much to Russia as the fall of Paris meant to France. In other words, Russia will be decapitated when that occurs. The aid forthcoming from the United States after that cannot keep the torso alive.

It is true that Germany depends much upon the activity of her panzer forces. The more they are used, like a motor car, the less efficient they become; the more spare parts they need. Fighting 2,000 miles away from home makes it difficult to replace parts.

However, Russia's condition is worse off with her panzer divisions which have been lost in great numbers and will not be replaced or repaired.

For effect, Russia keeps a few airplanes to do a little bombing on Berlin.

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Let us not swallow the propaganda. Russia is whipped—just as much as Belgium and France and Greece were whipped; just as surely as England will be whipped!

The peculiar thing about all this war of words is that the war-mongers in America are bombarding their own strongholds; for the American people are more opposed to a shooting war today than they were two months ago.

Roosevelt knows this, Congress knows this and above all, Churchill knows it—the same Churchill who wept copious tears as he leaned over the rail of the *Prince of Wales* watching Roosevelt depart with the last vestige of hope sinking in the Western sky of shattered dreams.

Probably, those tears were the forerunner of a decision to call up 500,000 more British soldiers.

Probably, those tears were the occasion for Britain's editors to say the "Yanks are not coming."

Probably, those tears were the moving force behind the peace talk now circulated both in Russia and England—a peace talk which, if productive, will leave the United States totally isolated and facing the strangest depression of all times.

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One more thought on this subject: As millions of Americans go to their theatres, they view pictures of the Roosevelt-Churchill world-shattering meeting. As a prelude to these pictures, every audience is informed that the photographs, and film, were "made in Britain."

Newsmen in America were denied the privilege of recording this most momentous mid-Atlantic pow-wow. And it should be so because Roosevelt wasn't running the show. It was Churchill's show. But like every Churchill show it ended in retreat. Back to England he went leaving behind all hope. Just as we went back to England from Dunkirk leaving behind all equipment.

Churchill never won a battle and never lost an opportunity to orate.

Meanwhile, he has witnessed England's liberties vanish as he and his cabinet made a clumsy effort to totalitarianize a population whose eyes are wearied watching 2-million soldiers drill and drill and drill without fighting.

England has been regimented. But the regimentation bodes no good for the old time government which, able to amass the wealth of the world, was unable to wipe out the slums of Billingsgate, Liverpool, Glasgow, Wales, Cardiff and Tyne.

The British imperialism to which Mr. Roosevelt will fall heir will be nothing more than a wrecked chassis of its former self. The new England, which will emerge from the Churchill failure, will belong to the European set-up.

No Swiss Peril

SWITZERLAND has demobilized a large part of her army because, as a United Press dispatch from Berne reports, "there appears to be no immediate threat to the country's independence."

The Swiss army has been fully mobilized for nearly two years and costs the country 3½-million francs ($312,700) a day.

Karl Kobert, federal military department chief, said the urgent need for more labor in the country was greater at present than a fully mobilized army.

A Letter to the President—No. 7

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I observe that many writers are trying to analyze the cause of the hate wave which encompasses the world. Recently, a foreign writer asserted that Your Excellency had become involved in it.

This foreigner maintains that you dislike totalitarianism, Naziism and Fascism. He affirms that your love for American democracy is so great it takes on a negative of hating all other forms of government.

Possibly, you might be the first to agree —at least in part—with your critic.

The thought struck me that European nations are surfeited with democracy. And by democracy, I mean majoritarian rule. If we are correct, Europe's greatness was traceable to the old monarchs and bishops who rescued that unhappy continent from the imperialism of Rome—an imperialism that was militaristic; an imperialism which was wedded to slavery.

Finally, the monarchs and priests failed in carrying the torch of culture. They were succeeded by the Republicans stemming from the French Revolution. That was not so long ago—less than two centuries ago.

Well, republicanism of the French Revolution type failed in Europe. Parliamentarianism, or representative government, wound up by becoming a public debating society which arrived nowhere. That is, nowhere except in the ditch of war, poverty and class intrigue.

In turn, this republicanism had to be dealt with. It was followed by dictators who rose to power simply because they protested against democracy and its inefficiency.

I am not trying to tell you that the totalitarians will succeed where the monarchs and clergy and where the republicans failed. I am simply trying to record the evolution in political affairs wherein democracy was represented by one point on the clock of time — a clock whose hands never stop.

To my mind *it is just as futile to attempt to restore democracy as it is to restore a system of monarchial government.* That is, it is futile as far as Europe is concerned.

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In America we are apt to question that statement because we have known nothing else but republicanism and democracy. The days of the monarch were numbered in our time. Monarchism was vanishing when our country was established. So, we are apt to think that the democracy which nursed our greatness into being is the only form of government worthwhile.

As a matter of fact, we would have been great under any other form of government; as a matter of fact, we became great despite democracy.

When Europe was young her nations became great as far back as the Thirteenth Century under a monarchical form of government.

England became great under a monarchical form of government. In fact, it was not until 1832—the date of the first *Reform Bill*—that any semblance of representative government was honored in England.

Now, we Americans have arrived at the point—under your spokesmanship—where we are telling Europeans that it is our principal war plan to impose our way of living on other people.

Do you not recognize, Mr. President, that you cannot impose a form of government on any people who are unwilling to accept it?

People grow great despite their form of government.

Do you not appreciate, Your Excellency, that you would be stubbing your presidential toes against all the traditions, animosities, inequalities and remembered sufferings of a multitude of Europeans who hate democracy as much as we Americans hate Communism or Naziism?

Europe is through with Democracy!

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As far as Christian philosophy is concerned, it is not the *form of government* which matters so much as it is the *character of the governors.* One could have the *Ten Commandments* as the bedrock of his constitution. If an Ivan the Terrible would reign, it would be a hideous thing to contemplate.

Under a good monarch the rights of minorities are protected.

Under a bad Republic, the rights of minorities are trampled upon.

We Americans are fast approaching the day when we will question the advisability of continuing with democracy. If that form of government means the majority rule, in the sense that the majority decides what is right and what is wrong; in the sense that the majority decides what is good and what is bad, America is in for a drubbing.

Racialism is here, whether we like to admit it or hide it. Hatred is here, whether we admit it or scout it. Under the prescription of democracy, which means majority rule, we are in a dangerous position because of the hatreds that are here; for, once the majority begins to hate—wisely or unwisely —the rights of the racials will be trampled upon; class prejudice will sway the minds of the voters; Jewish blood and Christian blood will soil the streets of a nation where more than 60 per cent of its population have no religious affiliation; churches, schools, convents will be taxed out of existence by a citizenry which does not recognize the fairness of exempting such institutions; profit in business and industry will be assimilated by the State which is composed of a majority of persons long since become industrial and agricultural slaves.

Meanwhile, property owners throughout the nation are beginning to recognize these things. Jews, Catholics, Protestants, industrialists, merchants are all aware of what is in the offing.

Someone will say that we should disseminate the idea of national brotherhood on the basis of tolerance. Well, the French Revolutionaries tried to do that and failed —failed so ignominiously that the French Revolution is as antiquated as is the uprising started by Spartacus.

Indeed, we need something bigger and better than national brotherhood. That something bigger and better can't be implemented by mere men. It needs God's power, God's grace, God's sacramental influence.

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I am not so optimistic as to believe that this latter golden thread of Christianity will be woven into the web of American life. I fear it is too late. Consequently, the best we can hope for is to rid ourselves of majoritarian rule.

But by making such an assertion I do not propose that we adopt the totalitarian rule of certain godless Europeans. There is still an opportunity for America, constitutionally, to evolve a stricter, sterner republicanism in which the governed are not the governors; in which the rulers are not the ruled.

Incidentally, you would not care to impose the current American pattern of life upon Spain, Portugal, Italy, Germany and the other nations abroad.

What have we to offer them?

What have we really accomplished during the past eight years in a practical form?

We have initiated many notable measures of reform but have carried few of them into practice. Social security is on our legislative books but is not in our homes now overburdened with taxation. The right for labor to organize is recognized, but it is a right restricted and restrained by non-governmental leaders whose frown frightens the so-called representatives in Congress.

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Mr. Gabor De Ronay recently wrote in the *Catholic World:*

"After the war, the economic situation of Europe will be such that experimenting by amateurs cannot be risked. The governments will have to be authoritarian."

I agree with this gentleman that an authoritarian rule must be set up, abroad and at home, even though we retain the child's play of presidential balloting every four years.

The last election corroborates that statement; for both you and Mr. Willkie, pledging your solemn word to pursue the policy of peace, both publicly admitted, following the election, that you prefer the policy of war.

In other words, our people had the chance to vote for Tweedle-dee or Tweedle-dum.

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By the way, I notice that you are verging closer and closer to Hitler's concept of government.

You have priorities.

You have enunciated the right and need for government confiscation of private property.

You have peace-time conscription.

You have a board empowered to place any man in any position the Government sees fit.

And your spokesmen are consistently hating Hitler as venomously as Hitler hates you and your spokesmen.

You can't exterminate rats with rats. The bigger and better policy upon which success depends for America has not been promulgated by you.

Until that day arrives, there will be many weary nights to worry you.

It would be far better were you to express the philosophy of national defense, letting Hitler mind his own business, than to promulgate a policy of international domination, on the basis that *the American plan of life* must be substituted for all other plans.

SEBASTIAN IGNOTUS.

Comment

A Book Review

'Can't Do Business With Hitler': Why?

MUCH TO-DO is being made by the interventionist gentry over a book by Douglas Miller entitled *"You Can't Do Business With Hitler."*

A number of newspapers—including Col. Frank Knox's *Chicago Daily News*, for example—squeezed the last drop of war promotion out of the thing by announcing it with great gobs of ballyhoo and printing it in 12 installments.

"You Can't Do Business With Hitler" is intended to scare the living daylights out of anyone who "hasn't sense enough to be afraid of Hitler," and who hasn't the "keen far-sightedness to see that America would fall apart if Hitler should win the war in Europe."

Among others, Mr. Samuel Crowther, noted writer and economist, doesn't scare so easily. Maybe he's impressed by the Administration's proof over an eight-year period that You Can Do Business With Stalin.

At any rate Mr. Crowther, in an article reprinted in the *Congressional Record*, opines that Mr. Miller's epic is so much "hogwash."

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It is "an extraordinarily dishonest book, in that the author purports to write of Nazi business methods from first-hand experience as a commercial attache at Berlin, 1925-39, but almost nothing in the book is drawn from experience except a few trivial and well-known incidents," the economist writes.

"Instead, most of the book has to do with events after 1939, and it is almost wholly a re-write of the regular anti-Nazi propaganda. It is only slightly factual, and most of these 'facts' are wrong. The book bears every evidence of having been written by a propagandist and "planted" on the supposed author, who is an assistant professor of economics in the University of Denver. It would be interesting to trace this book to its origins."

Miller's theme is now standard, says Crowther — Hitler through conquest will "encircle" the United States—destroy our foreign trade and thus crush us economically. To avert this catastrophe we must, even at great sacrifice, assure the defeat of Hitler and restore peace and prosperity to the world.

"In other words," Crowther continues, "the book attempts to appeal to business people whose concepts are too low to grasp the 'four freedoms'—that defeating Hitler is just good business because Nazi ethics are bad for business.

"The whole approach is juvenile. For instance the author complains that Germany aims to be self-sufficient, which means a minimum of imports, while talking of Nazi plans to capture world trade, which, of course, means a maximum of imports and is wholly incompatible with self-sufficiency.

"He has a notion that a defeated Hitler will restore the British economy to the pre-1910 basis, with never a notion that the world has changed.

"He points to two-thirds of our trade being with the British Empire and seems to have the impression that this trade is with the British Isles, when, in fact, it is largely with Canada and Malaya.

"He also thinks that our foodstuffs and cotton exports can be revived by demolishing Hitler. Our foodstuffs went out of the market long ago, while the A.A.A. killed our cotton exports by holding our cotton above the world price.

"But the curious point is that he does not comprehend that what we buy from the world is more important to the world's economy than what we sell to the world is to our economy. So, if Hitler should control the world, we should not have to do business with him, but he would have to do business with us. The conclusions of the book are wholly maudlin.

"A good deal of the book could be written about any country—if one chose to take the slant. For instance (p. 67), 'Lawyers in Germany have very largely ceased to function as interpreters of the law, because, as I said earlier, courts are instructed to render decisions according to "healthy public opinion."

"The African stuff is fantastic, the financial operations of post-war Germany are misstated — there is no mention that the President was an officer of a concern selling marks for speculation or that American bankers toured Germany to stir up borrowers. There is no mention of the events leading up to the moratorium or the standstill agreements, that the whole world put in exchange agreements after Britain went off gold in 1931, nor the action of France in precipitating the credit anstalt collapse or that our bankers have gotten most of their short-term money out of Germany.

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"There are some curious misconceptions. For instance, the author thinks our reciprocal trade agreements form a system and that the other party refrains from bilateral agreements. In fact nearly every country with which we made agreements also entered into bilateral agreements. And some, as Brazil, actually blocked our exchange and freed the British.

"The author is the first man that never understood that Hull, Sayre and Grady played a great practical joke. Everything that could be done to us under the trade agreements has been done. Also he speaks of the vast store of gold owned by the Government. Nearly every dollar of that gold secures a gold certificate issued to the F.R.B., and taking that gold would be an utter breach of trust which would destroy what is left of our currency.

"The book is not unlike several that were published during the last war 'exposing' the Kaiser's world plans. This book differs from those in being more credulous and having a larger chamber of horrors. Considering the fact that most American corporations with property in Germany have long since charged it off, the terrible effects of confiscation are quite funny. It is also noteworthy that there is no mention of the fact that, although Russia in 1933 had at least the intentions of Germany today, our Government recognized her for trade purposes.

"The big point in my mind is *who planted this book on this fresh-water college imbecile?* And how did he get into the service and why did he leave?"

'Make 'em Suffer!'

DURING the World War there was at Washington a little cult which became known as the "make 'em suffer boys."

It was the theory of its members that the population generally should be required to forego usual things and to do unusual things, regardless of whether the sacrifices contributed effectively to the war effort; in this way, it was argued, the country would be made "war conscious."

An Associated Press dispatch quotes Harold L. Ickes, in Spokane on a vacation, as follows:

"The actual (gasoline) shortage isn't in the West, but I think you ought to share the transportation difficulty which causes the shortage in the East."

So it would seem that even though in some sections of the country gasoline supplies may be available without interference with the defense effort, these sections nevertheless are to undergo rationing.

"What is this all about, anyway?" asks the *Wall Street Journal*.

"Are we trying to conserve oil supplies for the benefit of the defense and lease lend program?

"Or are we giving some officials the opportunity to satisfy a kind of morbid desire to push other people around?

"Or are we trying to create the utmost havoc in the oil industry?"

Cut Out the Hoop-la

THE EASTERN seaboard has undergone its first experiment with the 7 P. M. to 7 A. M. closing of gasoline stations.

The results were:

1. Nearly 100 per cent compliance by filling stations.

2. Nearly zero per cent saving in gasoline consumption.

The reason: The gasoline stations complied because they were told to. People didn't save gasoline because the saving was on a voluntary basis. They filled their tanks just before closing time and made their usual week-end drives.

"People feel that if the situation were really serious, the Government wouldn't rely on a voluntary campaign with hoop-la trimmings to save gasoline," comments the *Philadelphia Record*.

"It would make it official by rationing.

"By strange coincidence, Britain has just had much the same experience.

"Very few in Britain have objected to gasoline rationing.

"The British don't object to rationing because they know it is necessary. They don't pay any attention to high-pressure appeals because they suspect them as ballyhoo . . .

"The American people, like the British people, are willing to make any sacrifice necessary for defense.

"But they want the sacrifice made official.

"And *they want to know all the reasons for making it.*"

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Some Press Reactions

Knights of Columbus and California

THE national convention of the Knights of Columbus, which was highlighted by Associate Justice Murphy's harangue, invited the lightning flashes from many Catholic pens.

Among them is the comment which appeared in *The San Francisco Leader* of August 30th.

Wrote the *Leader:*

"The desperate efforts of the administration to overcome the bad impression on American Catholics made by its deal with Russia have been attended with poor results. Only two apologists of any prominence have been secured. One of them, Bishop Hurley, is said to have been under heavy obligations to Mr. Roosevelt, and there is little question but that Frank Murphy would now be among the ranks of the forgotten but for Roosevelt's favor.

"As in the case of Bishop Hurley, it was the official title of the speaker rather than any actual record of achievement that lent importance to his remarks. And the mere fact that a man is a member of the Supreme Bench is no longer any guarantee of the worth of the man or the value of his conclusions on any question outside of a matter of law.

"The late Chief Justice Hughes exploded the myth that a member of the Supreme Bench is infallible in all matters of judgment when, as Secretary of State, he fell a victim to British influence and advocated the Washington Conference pact of 1922 by which we agreed to sacrifice American battleships in exchange for British blue prints.

"Since lawyers unite in declaring that Hughes is a great jurist, that assurance we feel constrained to accept, but we cannot accord that encomium to such a man as Hugo Black, former Senator Byrnes or Frank Murphy, none of whom excelled as a lawyer or held an important judicial office prior to their promotion to the highest possible . . .

"Certainly some smart politics was done in securing for Murphy the opportunity to use the national convention of the Knights of Columbus as a sounding board for a war speech, but if any 'glory' whatever is due for the feat, no laurel wreaths are coming to the leaders of the order for their part in the scheme

"Murphy's recommendations for the role of orator at the K.C. function are more than obscure. To begin with, he is not even a member of the K.C. order.

"It could not have been the sound Catholicism of a man who made a speech a few years ago in which he extolled the greatness of Spinoza and Karl Marx and declared that democracy was a goal 'larger, more vital, than religion itself.'

"It could not have been the fact that he is a loyal minion of the President who a few years ago not only rejected the plea of the Knights of Columbus for aid to the persecuted Catholics of Mexico but added injury to insult by garbling the purport of their appeal and twisting it so as to make it appear that they had asked for intervention instead of mediation.

"It would seem to a man up a tree that the leaders of the Knights of Columbus, merely as a matter of self-respect, if nothing more, should have awaited an apology from Mr. Roosevelt before giving his hirelings the opportunity to stultify their order once more.

"For stultified it certainly has been, as those interested in the drive to add to the membership will probably learn in time to come.

"We are glad that no Californian can be blamed for this farce. The position of the California Knights has always been in advance of the rest of the order. It was preeminently so in 1927 when they took the lead in demanding that something be done for the persecuted Catholics of Mexico, *but were sidetracked by the leaders at New Haven* who preferred to temporize and were outwitted so that nothing of any real value resulted."

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'Irish Renegades'

UNDER the above caption the *Gaelic American* — devoted to the cause of Irish freedom and the preservation of American independence — contributed its bit to the discomfiture of those eminent laymen desirous of giving all aid to Russia.

"The Catholic Church in America is not fortunate in the 'eminent laymen' who presume of speak for it," wrote the editor of the *Gaelic-American.*

"In the past week Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy, who speaks with the gall of a Grand Master of the Orient, and Attorney General John J. Bennett, who should know better, but who doesn't, went before the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, respectively, to plead for aid to Russia!

"The Knights of Columbus heard Murphy's extraordinary harangue without enthusiasm, but the Ancient Order of Hibernians of New York State, representing men of a sterner breed, challenged Bennett when he tried to swing them behind the murderous, church-burning Marxists who now rule Russia.

"Judge Herbert A. O'Brien, chairman of the Catholic Laymen's Committee for Peace, in New York, made a vain appeal to the Knights to repudiate Murphy of the Synagogue, telling Supreme Grand Knight Francis Matthews:

" 'We should repudiate this unholy alliance with the butchers of our priests and nuns and faithful in Russia.'

"Judge O'Brien might as well have addressed his plea to the Grand Master of the Masonic Order. The Knights of Columbus let the learned Murphy, a creature of the Red Front in the United States, get away with his insult to the intelligence of Catholic America!

"Attorney General Bennett, a politician who aspires to be Governor of New York State, met a tougher reception when he tried to 'ring the changes' on New York Hibernians, at their State convention at Syracuse.

"The Hibernians repudiated Bennett and what he stands for — the insincerity and deceit of the New Deal, or the Raw Deal — and passed in toto, the measured resolutions of the National order denouncing the foreign policy of the Roosevelt Administration."

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Archbishop Assails Talk

"I AM confident that the vast majority of our Catholic people do not agree with the unfortunate pronouncement of Justice Murphy to the Knights of Columbus.

"In the face of the rising menace of atheistic Communism in this country I trust, moreover, that the rank and file of the Knights of Columbus will vigorously repudiate this dangerous counsel.

"I believe my views expressed in the July 27th radio address will be found entirely applicable in this instance."

—Telegram of Archbishop Beckman to New York Enquirer.

Confusion Worse

The *Witness,* official organ of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Iowa, said editorially:

"The confusion of thought that has characterized the present world crisis is becoming worse as the crisis is intensified. For example, what are both Catholics and non-Catholics to infer from the address of Associate Justice Murphy, given to the Knights of Columbus at their national convention in Atlantic City, N. J.?

"The fact is we cannot distinguish between supporting the Russian government and not supporting Communism. The two are one and the same thing.

"It has even been whispered that Mr. Murphy was speaking for the Vatican. He couldn't have done that, of course, because the Vatican has said plenty about Communism, and it wasn't anything like what Mr. Murphy said.

"It would be more correct to say that Mr. Murphy was, unwittingly or not, speaking for those who are trying to push us into war."

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An Unfortunate Address

THE *Herald-Citizen* of Milwaukee called it an "unfortunate address."

Its editorial observed:

"Justice Frank Murphy of the Supreme Court told the Knights of Columbus national convention in Atlantic City that Russia, despite its Communism, should have the support of the democracies in its fight with Germany. Naziism, he said, is at present the real menace.

"That's the thesis under which the Administration is operating and Murphy is within his rights to preach it . . .

"Governments, doubtless, must deal with realities, and the most welcome reality that has happened to London and Washington within many moons of crises is the current Russo-German scrap. Yet, not a whit does it alter the character of either. Not for an instant does it make one less an enemy than the other of all that we cherish in America. If there is a difference, it's one of species and not of degree."

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Not a Safe Guide

"WE ARE not persuaded that Justice Murphy is a safe guide to follow," said the *Record* of Louisville, Ky.

"We are not convinced that he has read the Encyclical of Leo XIII or those of

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Clement XV, Benedict XIV, Pius VI, Pius VII, Leo XII or Pius IX — all of which Leo had before him when he wrote in 1878. Indeed, we are not persuaded that he has read the encyclical of the Great Pius XI, specifically directed to atheistic Communism, nor do we believe he knows what Communism is.

"We know, and much as we condemn the Nazi regime, the Fascist regime, the Phalangist regime, we would choose the worst in them all as a life estate, in preference to the best in atheistic Communism, which is intrinsically evil."

Copying France

THE *Tribune*, Catholic daily of Dubuque, commented:

"When the government of Leon Blum made the alliance with Soviet Russia, it set in motion every subversive element in France. The Reds and radicals of France rallied one hundred per cent behind the Blum administration. And that which weakened France and put the Red fifth column on its feet is precisely that which will weaken the United States whether Stalin wins or loses.

"France is down because she made an alliance with her natural enemy, Red Russia, Stalin. We have followed the Blum course."

Will Not Change Catholic Views

"JUSTICE Murphy's address before the K. of C. convention will not change the opinions of Catholics or other God-fearing, home-loving people," said the *Northwest Progress* of Seattle, Wash.

"Instead of gaining approval for the administration's foreign policy it will probably lessen Justice Murphy's prestige.

"No Christian people will swallow soft words about an alliance with the forces of atheism nor has there been a word from Russia about any guarantee of freedom of religion.

"The victorious Allies could not enforce liberty in a weak Russia after the last war. How can they guarantee it after the exhaustion of a far more terrible conflict . . .

"An alliance with the Soviet may be a good political expedient. Political expediency should not be the standard of a Christian nation."

ALSO from the West Coast the *Inland Catholic* of Spokane, Wash., observed:

"If the matter were not so terribly serious, the efforts being made by those in high places, and by that portion of the secular press which speaks for them, to soft-pedal, excuse, justify or explain away the alliance which our executive department has made with Soviet Russia — Hitler's cast-off ally — would be excruciatingly funny.

"There are some things so inherently wrong that the more their advocates attempt to white-wash them the more detestable they become. The course adopted by the national administration in donating American arms, ammunition, planes, ships and gasoline to bolster up the forces of Bolshevism is one of the most outstanding examples of this which could be conceived."

A Red Sales Talk

OF THE secular press the *New York Daily News* said:

"We take this speech to be the opening sales talk in an Administration campaign to sell Stalin as an ally to American church people, particularly American Catholics. Communism being an atheist creed, and Lenin and Stalin having murdered droves of priests and confiscated billions in church property in Russia, it promises to be quite a sales job.

"We think that before Americans buy Stalin as a full ally they should ponder the possible long-range results of such a purchase."

Praised by Communists

AS WAS to be expected, praise for the Murphy address was forthcoming from the Communists' *Daily Worker*. Stalin's organ on East 13th street, had the following deeply significant comment:

"The welfare of German - American Catholics (as of all American Catholics) lies in the stand taken against Hitlerism by the late George Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago. It lies in the position expressed by Justice Frank Murphy this week before the Knights of Columbus. It is from the Catholic masses of this country that can be expected to come some of the most fervent response to the nation's determination to bring about the military destruction of Hitlerism."

K. of C. Leader Repudiates Murphy

MR. EDWARD M. GALLIGAN, chairman of the Long Island chapter, Knights of Columbus, in letters to the *Tablet* of Brooklyn and the *Long Island Star Journal*, cleared members of his fraternity from any complicity or endorsement of the Murphy condonation of Communism.

Mr. Galligan wrote to the *Tablet:*

"Although I hold a position of chairman of the Long Island Chapter, representing 66 Councils with approximately 18,000 members here on Long Island, it is not within my province to make any statement in their behalf unless expressly instructed to do so at a regularly held or specially called meeting for that purpose.

"As a citizen and a Catholic, however, I feel that all right-thinking people will disagree heartily with Justice Murphy's theories. It is not for me to question the motives which prompted Justice Murphy to accept an opportunity which was perhaps unwisely afforded him, to create the impression that the Knights of Columbus and Catholics in general should renounce for all times their disbelief in ungodliness.

"I happen to be one of the 'old school,' who still take my theology from the Leaders of our Church and the briefest way that I could sum up my feelings in the matter is to simply quote Pope Pius XI, who asserted: *'Communism is intrinsically wrong and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any undertaking whatsoever.'"*

His letter to the Long Island paper added that the reported "stir" created at the K. of C. convention was created by the number of persons who "took a walk" while Murphy's address was being read to the convention.

Catholic Laymen Condemn Address

IN A letter sent to Supreme Knight Francis Matthews, Herbert A. O'Brien of New York, chairman of the Catholic Laymen's Committee for Peace, urged the Knights of Columbus convention before adjournment to repudiate the faulty philosophy of Associate Justice Murphy's address.

The letter, in part, follows:

"Supreme Grand Knight,
Hotel Ambassador,
Atlantic City, N. J.

"On behalf of the Catholic Laymen's Committee for Peace, and as a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, I desire to express our disapproval of the stand on the side of Godless and Communistic Russia taken before the great national convention of the Knights of Columbus yesterday by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Frank Murphy. I believe that the officers of your convention should call to the attention of the assembled Knights of Columbus of the United States, the admonition of Pope Pius XI, in which he warned Christians of the impossibility of cooperation with Communism . . .

"It is utterly impossible for an intelligent Catholic or anybody who has within him any of the spirit of Christ to follow the thesis that the way to win the fight for Christianity and Democracy is to collaborate with the worst enemy these two philosophies have.

"No speech, from however exalted a source, can bring back to life the Christian martyrs in Russia nor gloss over the fact that the Catholic and Protestant Churches in Russia no longer exist. Hateful as Nazism and Fascism philosophies are, the Christian Church still exists in the countries where these forms of government are. Stalin has said that Christianity is dead in Russia. Any support of Russian Communism by Catholics would be disobedience to the Holy Pontiff. As a member of the order, which we all love so well, we call upon you to ask the convention to specifically condemn aid to Soviet Russia; we ask you to specifically condemn the omission from the eight points of any mention of Christian philosophy . . .

"The words of our Holy Father are a solemn obligation upon the Catholics in America to stand firm in opposition to the un-Christian heresies of Communism.

"You cannot win a victory for Christianity and Democracy by substituting for Nazism the Godless doctrine of Communism."

Col. Lindbergh on Air Power

Warns England May Desert and Turn on Us

As More and more thousands of Americans throughout the great hinterland attend America First peace rallies, and listen to Charles A. Lindbergh and Senator Burton K. Wheeler, they become immunized to the smear *technique* and hate hysteria of the war-mongers.

Scores of thousands who have seen Mr. Lindbergh in person and heard him speak in this great campaign for peace will never again believe the press lies which the politicians seek to spread about him. And an evening in one of Bert Wheeler's audiences is also a good cure for "smear bite."

The very vociferousness and venom of the attacks is a "tip-off," to begin with. For, when one reads the manuscript of their speeches — free from any spell of their platform oratory — it becomes instantly clear that nothing in these utterances justifies all the noise the little war crowd is making.

And then, quite naturally, we remember, if we've read the history of persecutions that, usually, it is not the *traitors* but the *patriots* who are pilloried; that it is not the *liars*, but the *Truth Tellers*, who are crucified in every age.

Col. Lindbergh's stature grows with each new audience in some new part of the country. Barred from the public auditorium, he and Senator Wheeler spoke to the people of Oklahoma City from an open air baseball park.

Lindbergh's subject was aviation; and let's not hear any of his puny critics say that he doesn't know what he is talking about. Because it reviews much of what he has said throughout the peace campaign and, in a sense, brings the Lindbergh record up to date, Social Justice herewith quotes at some length from the Oklahoma City talk.

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"As you all know, I stand with the men and women in America who oppose our entering this war in Europe. There are many reasons why I believe we should not enter the war. I have discussed these reasons freely and openly in articles and radio addresses during the last two years.

"I have said that I did not believe it was within our power to control the wars, or to solve the problems that have existed in Europe since European history began.

"I have said that we were not prepared to wage war abroad successfully at this time, and that we would not be prepared to do so for months if not for years to come.

"I have said that our participation in this war would simply add to bloodshed and prostration in Europe, and bring confusion to our own country.

"I have said that the United States is strong enough and able enough to protect itself, and that we in America do not have to depend upon any foreign country for our security and welfare.

"To these statements, and beliefs, I hold as firmly today as I have at any time in the past. Developments since the war started have already partially proved them correct; and I think that by the time the war ends, you will find I have in no way misled you.

"But tonight, I am going to lay aside the broader issues of the war, and talk to you about air power, its capabilities, its limitations, and its consequences.

"I have selected air power as my subject for two reasons: First, because of its great military importance; and second, because aviation has become a symbol of this modern, scientific, and mechanized era in which we live.

"Germany has used aviation to change the entire technique of warfare, both on land and on the sea.

"England is using aviation to strike back at a continent she is unable to invade.

"The American interventionists are using aviation to support their claim that the Atlantic Ocean has dwindled to the size of the English Channel.

"The Administration is using aviation to justify the occupation of Iceland, to prepare the way for an occupation of Africa, and to add to the general hysteria of war.

"The capitalists are using aviation to make money, and the taxpayer is finding aviation a more and more expensive item on his bill.

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"I spent many years of my life surveying and laying out air routes in North and South America, and across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. One of the greatest problems I encountered in those years lay in the difficulty of persuading people that aviation was actually a practical form of transportation; that, some day, this country would be spanned in a single night by passenger-carrying airliners — and that, eventually, even the oceans themselves would be flown on regular schedule.

"That was only a little over ten years ago. Now, I find myself in the novel position of arguing that aviation has certain limitations, as have all of the other inventions of man.

"Ten years ago, I was *trying to convince the Government and the people of this country that transoceanic passenger carrying was not only possible, but also practical.*

"Today, I am trying to assure our Government and our people that *while transoceanic bombing is possible, it is not practical*, and that the damage it could do on wartime standards would be slight.

"I find the same people who scoffed at trans-Atlantic air routes ten years ago, now telling me that if the British Empire does not win this war, the United States of America will be conquered by air invasions from Europe!

"After a careful study of this problem, both in America and Europe, over a period of years, I was forced to the conclusion that France and England were not in a position to win a war against Germany, and that the dominant position in Europe had shifted from England, as a sea power, to Germany, as a land and air power.

"The same study brought me to the conclusion that while aviation greatly strengthened our position in America from the standpoint of defense, it greatly weakened our position from the standpoint of attacking Europe.

"I based these conclusions upon many observations and facts. There is not time to outline all of them tonight, but I would like to bring some of the most outstanding to your attention:

"It was obvious, even before this war started, that air power made it costly, if not impossible, for naval forces to operate within effective bombing range of an enemy coast adequately protected by aircraft. This meant that troops could not be landed and maintained on any coast where an enemy had strong supremacy of the air.

"These facts have been confirmed by the results of naval and air battles off the coast of Norway, in the Skagerrak, in the North Sea, off the coast of Greece, and in the vicinity of Sicily and Crete.

"Wherever sea power and air power have clashed during this war, there is not a single instance where sea power has won.

"It was obvious, before the war started, that Germany had by far the strongest air force in Europe, and that air power could strike across the English Channel, and behind the Maginot Line, regardless of the strength of the British Navy or the French Army. These facts, too, have been confirmed by the developments of the war.

"It was obvious that aviation, and the mechanization of ground forces, among other elements, placed Germany in a stronger position under Hitler than France was in under Napoleon.

"It was obvious that England lay within ideal bombing range of aircraft based on the continent of Europe, and that her sea lanes could be harassed both by submarines and bombing planes. German objectives, on the other hand, were farther removed from bases in the British Isles; so that even if England and Germany had equal numbers of fighting planes, the advantage would still lie with Germany.

"It was just as obvious that the great distance across the ocean placed America outside the effective bombing range of European aircraft, and that even if it were possible to establish European air bases in South America, which I believe we can prevent, the United States would still be outside of their effective bombing range.

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"After I had traveled through the various nations of Europe and Asia, I came to the conclusion that there were two, and only two, great and natural air powers in the world at this time — the United States, in the Western Hemisphere, and Germany, in the Eastern Hemisphere. I was convinced that neither was in a position to attack the other successfully across the ocean, unless an internal collapse preceded an invasion.

"It seems clear to me that the quickest way for Germany to lose a war would be to attack America, and that the quickest way for America to lose a war would be to attack Germany.

"By way of illustration, suppose we should follow the lead of the interventionists and enter a war against Germany. In that case, we must send the great bulk of our armies, and supplies, and fuel, across the Atlantic Ocean on ships — ships that would have to be built, for there are not enough in existence today.

"The vulnerability of shipping to bombing planes, raiders, and submarines, has already been shown by British losses. Our convoys would be harassed in the Atlantic

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by Germany, and possibly in the Pacific by Japan at the same time. And under this harassment by bombing plane, raider, and submarine, we would have to find some way of forcing a landing on a hostile coast.

"We would have to force a landing against the prepared positions of the same army and air force that broke the Maginot Line, and overcame the British, French, and Belgian armies combined.

"We might easily find ourselves fighting, at one and the same time, the military forces of Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Japan, and other nations, with the natural resources of Russia available to them.

"And *it is not at all inconceivable that before this war is over, England herself may turn against us, as she has turned against France and Finland.*

"It was no more improbable in 1939 that England would turn against Finland and France, than it is today that she will turn against us if it becomes expedient to her welfare in the future.

"If you question my words now, I ask only that you read a history of the relationships between the United States and England during the last hundred and fifty years, and that you combine with this a re-reading of the pledges of everlasting loyalty that took place between England and France less than two years ago. If you will do this, I believe you will agree with me that we must depend upon ourselves, and ourselves only for our security in the future.

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"Now, instead of following the lead of the interventionists, suppose we concentrate on our own defenses, as I have advocated since long before this war began. I have maintained that if we attend properly to our own defense, no European or Asiatic power will dare to attack us; and that if we attend properly to our own affairs, none will desire to.

"But suppose that the fears of the interventionists come true, and we *are* attacked. In that case, it would be our enemy, and not we, who would have to force a landing on a hostile coast. It would be our enemy, and not we, who would have to maintain supply lines across the ocean against the harassment of our bombing planes, our submarines, and our battleships.

"In that case, we could use our own aviation to the utmost advantage, concentrating it within a few hours at any point on our shores, and basing it on established and well-equipped air fields. If the British navy, with its bases strung out from Alexandria to Scapa Flow — if that navy, with Gibraltar and Malta to assist it, cannot remain within bombing range of the European coast, then how can any navy, or any combination of navies, cross the ocean, and without a single base in this hemisphere, land an expeditionary force on American shores?

"Instead of reducing the value of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans from the standpoint of our security, aviation makes them more important than ever before. Air power practically removes the danger of attack by sea; and the oceans themselves prevent effective attacks by air.

"Let us take advantage of this fact. Let us take advantage of the changes that aircraft and this modern era bring to nations and to men. *Let us use these changes to our advantage, and not permit them to be used against us.* They can either strengthen our American independence, and add to the quality of our Western civilization, or they can take us back into the endless wars and quarrels of the Old World. The nation that makes use of these advantages will survive, and the nation which fails to understand them is certain to fall. The choice is the test of America, and the way of life we have built up in this New World.

"We have the most perfect defensive position of any nation. We have highly developed industries, and an entire hemisphere full of natural resources. Here in America, we have developed new standards of life and a new civilization; and our forefathers fought for the right to do so. Our entire national tradition is based on independence.

"Shall we now give up the independence we have won, and crusade abroad in a utopian attempt to force our ideas on the rest of the world; or shall we use air power, and other advances of modern warfare, to guard and strengthen the independence of our nation?

"Shall we sell our American birthright for the mess of pottage that is offered us in Europe and Asia today; or shall we preserve for our children the free and independent heritage that our forefathers passed on to us?

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"The America First Committee is an organization of men and women who stand firmly opposed to merging our future with that of any foreign land.

"We stand for a united nation behind an impregnable defense and an independent destiny for America.

"We stand for American traditions — for the right of free citizens to meet, and to discuss the issues that confront their nation; for the right to know about, and to vote upon, the fundamental policies of our government.

"We stand for the right of those who will do the paying and the dying to also have a voice in the deciding."

Senator Wheeler on Free Speech

SENATOR Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, also addressed the America First Committee outdoor rally in Oklahoma City.

The Senator said:

"The city council of Oklahoma City might abridge or impair freedom of speech and all the civil liberties guaranteed by the *Constitution* of the United States — but they have not suppressed all civil rights. I believe in freedom of speech — and I intend to exercise it. I will not be silenced — and I do not care whether I speak inside or outside of a building. I am interested only in speaking upon American soil — under the American flag — to Americans!

"Someone has said that free speech is the brain of the Republic — and that the ballot box is still the ruler of America. With that I agree. Some people in Oklahoma disagree. I believe and practice — more than free speech — I believe and practice freedom of thought and action. I am the sole proprietor of myself. No party, no organization, no Senator, and no President controls me. I will speak my opinion and my thoughts. *I know that one man in the right will eventually and finally become a majority in a democracy.*

"Neutrality has been the traditional basis of American foreign policy. From the days of the founding fathers — from the days of George Washington's immortal Farewell Address — we religiously adhered to the foreign policy enunciated by the First President. We avoided all entangling alliances — we avoided participation in foreign wars. Time and time again — in a hundred ways, American neutrality and freedom from foreign wars was expressed and followed before 1916 and 1917.

"We deviated then from our neutrality at tremendous cost. Now American leaders seem willing to lead the American people into the same folly within a generation.

"A foreign policy *based upon subterfuge — deception — secrecy and spurious irrational and unscientific reasoning* characterizes the present American foreign policy.

"Dramatized and publicized by the greatest of all fanfare — secrecy — the President of the United States and Prime Minister Churchill met on British and American warships somewhere at sea.

"The American people did not know where the President was nor what he was doing.

"The American people did not know where their army and naval chieftains were nor what they were doing. These are critical days. This is an emergency period — officially proclaimed so by the President. But the American people were kept in darkness.

"Finally, from London, came light to a worried nation. From a British government official came the text of the famous eight points.

"We Americans have always prided ourselves on our practicability. Ask yourselves — what do these eight points mean — if they mean anything.

"They mean first that Britain and America are to be the two armed powers of the world. Britain and America will run the world in the manner they believe it should be run.

"If we attempt to enforce the eight points, American citizens will pay the bill and American boys will be policing the entire world."

To Safeguard Legion

TO OFFSET the possible influence upon Legionnaires of scheduled convention speeches by Secretaries Knox, Hull and Stimson, the America First Committee in Milwaukee is sponsoring a rally at the Auditorium on September 13.

Speakers will be United States Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri; Hanford MacNider of Mason City, Iowa, at one time assistant secretary of War and former commander of the Legion; Rep. Hamilton Fish of New York and Gen. Robert E. Wood of Chicago, national chairman of the America First Committee. Senator Clark is also a former national commander of the Legion and was one of its founders.

The national convention of the American Legion opens in Milwaukee the following day.

Letters

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Beware America!

TO THE EDITOR:

It seems to me that we are getting closer to a shooting war every day. If manpower has to be sent overseas why not gather up the vociferous English element and the other war-mongers and send them back, if they are so zealous for slaughter; and leave our American boys here to defend us, so long as we have been scared into believing that we are going to be attacked in the near future.

Now that Hitler and Mussolini are fighting Soviet Russia, Stalin has lost two of his bedfellows; but he will be happy to have gained two new ones in Roosevelt and Churchill — the very ones who have denounced dictators, and who now elect themselves as the super-dictators even to policing the world!

The "next on the program" will be to have an American-English union formed. If that ever happens, it won't be long until the U.S.A. will be an English colony again and probably after a time will be called a 'Greater England.'

Americans beware!

— Mrs. A.E.H.

Paradise, Butte Co., Calif.

It's Up to You

TO THE EDITOR:

The future of mankind is dark indeed if it is to be held in the secretly joined hands of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin.

Judging these men by the company they keep, and in the light of their past performances, humanity is in for a rough ride.

A blusterous bungling blunderer; a spendthrift promise-maker; and an arch-criminal murderer, all separately and in peace have proven a flop at bringing prosperity to their people.

Then there is Hitler, a "combination of all three," if you will; completely in his hands, the world also would be a dire place in which to live.

But must the world suddenly have a single over-all dictator?

Is there no other way out of the international dilemma? There is, of course; but only when the people in every land, together and as one, demand peace now while yet some semblance of sanity remains.

Here we are in America — more than 80 per cent our people — eating our hearts out, waiting, hoping, praying for someone or something to stop this fine peace-loving country in its mad rush to war.

We have plenty of peace-minded leaders but they need more vigorous support.

Get out and join your local America First Committee and we can lick these war-mongers to a standstill!

Bronx, N. Y. — A Patriot.

Europe's War

TO THE EDITOR:

Ours always will be a great democracy.

The main trouble is the eight years of irresponsible spending by the New Deal administration and its failure to solve the problems of the U.S.A. at home.

It is "too late" to restore unity among the American people to fight Britain's war.

The greatest present problem that faces "we the people" is not to tolerate any suggestion of sending a second A.E.F. to any foreign land. Everything else will adjust itself the world over, regardless of the hate and fear being preached to us, by the pro-British war-mongers.

The Soviet Russian alliance and the Churchill-Roosevelt sea parley have done much to spread disunity. Slogans and eight points of wishful thinking will win no war. This is Europe's war.

— J.P.K.

Baltimore, Maryland.

Film Fan Is Fed Up

TO THE EDITOR:

The M.G.M. motion picture company is showing a picture of the *"Crime Does Not Pay"* series. A current film depicts an inspector named "Brennan" taking a $2,500 bribe from one named "Johnson."

The names of the film's directors and producers are grouped with others undoing the evils of these Christian sinners, but no such names as "Brennan" or "Johnson" are among them.

This particular picture shows babes, mothers and workingmen dying from Bubonic plague, all because of the "Brennans" and "Johnsons."

Now, the best way to fight such insidious slander is for the Brennans and the Johnsons and all their compatriots to put in the poor box the money which would go to the movies. That is my way from now on.

— C.L.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

A Movie Pledge

TO THE EDITOR:

On several occasions the Church has had the people take a pledge to remain away from moving picture houses, where indecent or improper pictures were shown.

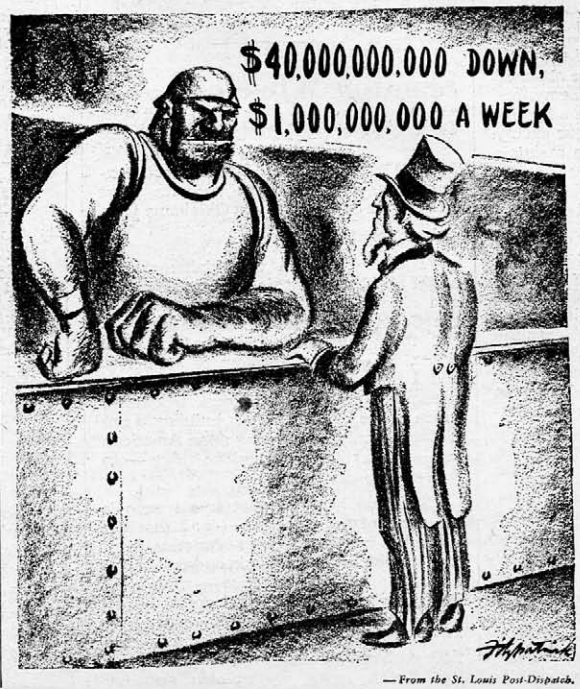
Why not take a pledge to remain away for the next six months entirely, as the great war-mongers are using our motion picture programs for propaganda to incite or work up the audiences to a war fever. Just stop and think back over the movie performances you have been to for the last several months.

I think we could teach this little *clique* a lesson and save ourselves some annoyance and some money.

— T.F.G.

New York City.

Only Installment Business Left



— From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Invasion of Europe

TO THE EDITOR:

Every so often some of the New Deal columnists very innocently let the cat out of the bag. On August 13th, Pearson and Allen in their "Washington Merry-Go-Round" bring out the significant fact that our New Deal administration *has actually discussed with the British government plans for the invasion of the European continent!*

The following two paragraphs are from their column:

"First plan for an invasion of the continent was a landing in Holland. This, it was figured, would get sympathetic support from the Dutch; would create a second front, requiring Hitler to divert part of his troops and airplanes from the Russian front.

"The original British idea was to have the United States cooperate in a landing force. This, however, scarcely got beyond the informal suggestion stage. It was immediately and emphatically vetoed, first, for political reasons; second, because Roosevelt did not have the power to send troops abroad; third, because of the scarcity of shipping to transport and supply an American army overseas."

Such is the manner by which 80 per cent of the American people are being duped by their own elected officials.

We were told that there would be no "blackout of peace" in America; and that no American boy would fight on foreign soil. Yet, behind our backs, in subversive secrecy, men whom we trusted and elected to the highest offices in the land, are discussing with the British plans to sacrifice the lives of millions of Americans in a proposed invasion of the European continent.

— W.J.G.

St. Paul, Minn.

'Smash Hitler Now'

TO THE EDITOR:

The following item clipped from the *New York World Telegram* of Aug. 13, manifests a desire on the part of the Hebrews of New York to "Smash Hitler Now":

"Ten thousand 'victory volunteers' were being organized today to enlist the interest of 250,000 residents of the lower East Side in the 'Smash Hitler Now' movement which got off to an enthusiastic start last night in Manhattan Plaza, 66 E. Fourth St.

"About 1,000 persons attended the rally . . . Stanley M. Isaacs, Manhattan Borough president, was the principal speaker."

Those who are aware of the fighting propensities of the Jews, and their battle song *"Onward Christian Soldiers,"* will not be surprised to learn that their program does not call for any expenditures of money or any enlistments in the armed forces of any country.

— G.S.

New York, N. Y.

Letters

Real Yank Remembers 1918

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish the editors of SOCIAL JUSTICE would write something about the war-promoting activities of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Many Legionnaires saw very little or no overseas service. Ever since 1918 their lives have been a succession of street parades to band music, with imitation burlesque actresses "doing their stuff" out in front.

An observer might almost believe, to watch the ovations they receive, that the American Legion won the World War!

What about the thousands of mutilated and gas-scarred cripples in our veterans' hospitals?

I used to be a member of the women's auxiliary of a Veteran of Foreign Wars post, but I resigned in disgust long ago. The members had completely forgotten 1917-18; forgotten that Wilson sent the boys "over there" to fight England's war; and forgotten the poor wrecks who were sent back home when England had no further use for them. But it was all too recent for me to forget!

Both World War veterans' organizations seem determined now to send the younger fry over to get a taste of it. They are boosters for Wilson, boosters for the Roosevelt-Churchill combine; and they will drag us into this second war of England's if it's the last thing they do.

If they are true blue Americans, I am color blind.

— A Real Yank.

Boston, Massachusetts.

Matter of Survival

TO THE EDITOR:

As I read SOCIAL JUSTICE I am impressed more and more with the authenticity of its articles and comment upon the issues of the day.

The magazine should be read by every one who would ask for truth. It has been inspired by a God-fearing man, who is fearless and resolute in his determination to tell the people the truth as he finds and sees it.

Many thousands of Americans are still impressed with the work that Father Coughlin has been doing over the years, in unfolding truth after truth, that has been circumvented by false prophets, who would otherwise lead the people into the path of war.

The enormous taxation that is being forced upon the people of this nation is appalling. Billions upon billions are being used up for preparedness, and where is all the money coming from? The nation will be bankrupt, and the people ruined!

This country is overrun by refugees; Washington, D. C., is actually "run" by the same class; and they are even "writing speeches for the President"!

They are in every important office appointment that Government affords; they control the international bankers, the merchandising of the United States, and the professions are full of them! America has become the "Jewish center of the world." They have a tremendous responsibility for the results of their power, and great danger lies ahead of them.

This, as I see it, is not a matter of race hate, so much as it is a matter of survival.

Boston, Mass. **— W.R.A.**

It's a Necessity

TO THE EDITOR:

I had written and asked that SOCIAL JUSTICE be discontinued, owing to straitened circumstances beyond my control.

But I find that I cannot do without it, and I am enclosing $1 for four months' continuance of the subscription.

I would rather do without something else and have my SOCIAL JUSTICE.

—A.E.H.

Jamaica Plains, Mass.

Peace Rally Audiences Booed and Spat Upon

TO THE EDITOR:

On the night of August 20th I attended an America First rally at Carnegie Hall in New York City. It was filled, and peace and order reigned at the meeting. As we left, however, at the corner of 57th street and Sixth, a gang of soviet sympathizers booed and hissed those leaving the America First meeting.

These sympathizers with sovietism were not Germans, Greeks, Irishmen, Poles, Swedes, Britishers or Filipinos, but many of them were of an age to be at some draftee camp.

Instead, they were cursing and passing vile remarks to many a mother and sister of some Christian boy whose blood they were interested enough in preserving to turn out to a meeting on such a scorching night.

The irony is that many of those insulted by these young hoodlums actually did have brothers and sons in draftee camps, and in some cases in hospitals!

These soviet lovers are the same trouble-making hoodlums who, when the Christian Front boys were on trial, went over to Brooklyn each day to make trouble for friends of those standing trial on notorious trumped-up conspiracy charges.

These hirelings from 14th street also attend the Father Curran meetings and try to have persons attending arrested. One of these ring leaders is the owner of a bargain shop on Union Square and describes himself as a "button manufacturer." He is short, 5 foot 6, wears thick eye glasses, has thick lips, and at a quick glance has a fish-like looking face. He is usually smoking a cigar.

Some of his cohorts have been known to spit on people attending peace meetings. They like especially to provoke young men who are accompanying young ladies, seeking to pick fights with them and then gang up on their victim and have the police arrest the young man for "disorderly conduct."

I cannot understand why this "button manufacturer" and his New York soviets do not go over and fight for Britain and Canada. For the information of these young men the address of the British consulate-general's office is 25 Broadway (telephone Bowling Green 9-0990).

Bronx, New York. **— D.C.**

'Sacred Promises' Broken to Gold Star Mothers

TO THE EDITOR:

Our American Mothers, God bless them all, went on a trip to Washington in an effort to save humanity against the bloodthirsty politicians. I guess these mothers were a little disappointed, but by no means have they failed!

Keep up the good work, mothers. Do not let a broken promise break your spirit or dampen your courage.

Promises were broken also to us Gold Star Mothers in the last war. A promise was made when the boys went "over there" that every American boy would be returned to his native land, dead or alive. That was a sacred promise, but like all political promises made only to be broken.

When the war was over, and more than 48,000 parents or other relatives asked for the return of their boys' bodies to rest in American soil, we were told of the beautiful cemeteries in France, and how it would "cause grief to the French people" if the bodies of these dead Americans were taken up again!

Get this, dear readers, we fathers and mothers had to form a national organization known as the *"Bring Home the Soldier Dead League"* in order to make the people then running the United States understand that while they had broken their promise to the American heroes, the parents and relatives of those heroes were still on hand to protect what was left of them!

We took up the torch, as it were, and carried on until not one who requested the return of their boy's body was left.

One mother wrote, and I believe the letter is still on file in the War Department, "You may keep your foreign cemeteries. I would not care if their paths were of gold and the tombstones studded with diamonds, it would not interest me. Send me what is left of my boy where I want him to rest in the U.S.A.!"

Needless to say that mother received a very soothing reply, and her son's body — three years after the war was over!

Now, again, at every political meeting where votes are needed, we hear of the brave boys, their mothers, fathers, wives and children who "will never be forgotten by a grateful nation." But when the parents reach 70 they will be rewarded with a spy system! And if they have been receiving a little pension on home relief, and anyone in the family gets a job so that he is deemed able to help, that pension is cut off and an investigator is sent to find out how they spend the money! I suppose the money saved when the pension is cut off is put into Europe's quarrels, fanning the flames of hate and greed.

I have been through this hell on earth, both in my childhood and now in my old age!

Mothers, protect your dear sons, and when you are old and gray you will not need a pension; *your boy will be your social security,* without any spy system added at the expense of the taxpayers!

Let the U.S.A. use some of their surplus relief investigators to clean out the Reds, Fascists, Nazis and Communists. Then, and not until then, will we have once more a clean, free country such as our forefathers died for.

"War is hell!" Keep out of it.

Gold Star Mothers' Day is a mockery!

—G.A.R. DAUGHTER AND GOLD STAR MOTHER.

Begone, Satan!

TO THE EDITOR:

Miss Gordon Holmes, one of Britain's leading women bankers, who recently arrived in New York on the American Clipper, declared that heavy war taxation in England was converting that country into a "socialism of democracy," which is evidently a fancy name for "Marxian socialism."

If heavy war taxation in England is converting that enlightened country into a "socialism of democracy" what assurance do we Americans have that heavy war taxation to give all-out aid for Britain, Soviet Russia and China, will not force us to accept the same philosophy?

A $10-billion deficit in 1941 in spite of exorbitant taxation on top of a $50-billion national debt, does not seem to disturb Senator Pepper who evidently wants a 10-year war and a $300-billion war to destroy Naziism.

But to pay interest to the international bankers on $300-billion to finance a ten-year war would destroy both Naziism and Americanism, and put Christianity and private ownership in the dog-house of Marxism for a thousand years!

Political promises that democracy can be preserved by our entrance into this war should be treated by our Congressmen as Christ treated Satan when he promised Him the world if He would kneel down and adore him.

"Satan begone! The Lord, thy God, thou shalt adore and Him only shalt thou serve!" **— P.J.G.**

South Hadley Falls, Mass.

Comment

'Cursed Be the Dog That Doesn't Bark!'

Is It too much to ask that American prelates "*do something about peace* instead of praying for it only?" courageously asks the *Witness*, official organ of the Catholic archdiocese of Dubuque, from which we have had frequent occasion to quote with commending comment.

"Courage," the editorial continues, "is a prime essential for the preservation of the State and for the prosperity of the Church.

"The catastrophic loss of England would have been averted had the prelates been of the spirit of Saint Thomas More and Cardinal Fisher instead of being mainly time-servers, courtiers, sycophants seeking their own and not Christ's!

"Nor do we need go back to the time of Henry VIII for examples. They are obvious and glaring right here and now.

"Perish the country, the *Constitution*, the precious American heritage of God-given and Christ-created rights and liberties, if only I can keep my job, my profit, my graft, is a common sentiment among not a few nowadays.

"Speak to such souls of mud in behalf of American values and against their plunder and destruction, and they turn on you and tear you like swine before whom pearls have been cast!

"Communism in labor and Government is a deadly danger and mortal menace and has already inflicted frightful damage on defense. Communism paralyzed French production and defense and ruined the morale of the French armies and may do the same here if permitted to go on unchecked.

"Had France prelates of courage and vision, that country would have been warned and saved. Where there is no vision the people perish, and they are.

"Why is not Communism denounced and its mortal menace pointed out? About the only prominent American leader that has flatly and fearlessly denounced it is Archbishop Beckman. A few other brave Americans have like Hearst.

"Cursed be the dog that doesn't bark!

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"All over the country the bishops have ordered prayers for peace; being priests of the Prince of Peace, they should, of course. Meanwhile a small, determined, unscrupulous, mad minority is pushing the country into the calamity of entrance into war unprepared.

". . . A great saint says we should act as if all depended on ourselves, pray as if all depended on God.

"Entrance into war unprepared spells defeat, disaster, destruction. Look at Europe conquered under the Nazi heel.

"Is it too much to ask that American prelates do something about peace instead of talking about it merely? Some of them don't even do that; one has talked against peace. Of course, there are several shining exceptions to this apathy about peace in the episcopate.

"The good shepherd gives his life for his sheep; the hireling flyeth when the wolf approaches. Standing on the walls and watch-towers of the City of God, its defenders should give the alarm and sound the tocsin when the enemy draws near.

"What we need in this mortal crisis of Church and State is courage, not sycophancy nor cowardice; sincerity, not hypocrisy; devotion to the people, not to profit nor to place; not seeking the things that are of self, but a seeking of things that are Christ's and country's; piety and patriotism, faith and facts, vision and wisdom, sanity and sense, reason and revelation."

Notre Dame Speaks

The Holy Cross fathers of Notre Dame University have been publishing *The Ave Maria* for the past 76 years.

It is a Catholic magazine as outstanding as is the University with which it is associated.

Recently, the editors of *Ave Maria* listed nine reasons detailing why 80 per cent of the American people are against our entrance into war. Here they are:

"1—The futility of that first European war effort.

"2—The unpaid debts remaining from that effort.

"3—Mr. Roosevelt's promises, expressed with sacramental solemnity when he ran for a third term, guaranteeing American fathers and mothers to keep their sons out of Europe's war in contrast with his attitude after he became third-term President.

"4—Mr. Knox's assurances to the committee of naval affairs that he was against sending the army or navy to fight in Europe, and his prowar words and actions since.

"5—The presence in the United States of Englishmen of influence and training acting as free lance agitators to compel the people of the United States into a war which —no matter what interventionists say—is not their war.

"6—The arrogance of bold, noisy minorities insulting men and women who think of their homeland first and feel compellingly that the freedoms which America possesses are too precious to be lost in Europe.

"7—The President's last sea conference with Mr. Churchill of which Congress, that determines war or peace, knew nothing.

"8—Recent co-operation with Stalin and Russia.

"9—Broken faith with the young men of the nation drafted into the army for a stipulated period of a year.

"The President, his Cabinet and his supporters in high place had better recognize these facts while it is yet time," the editorial concluded. "It will be tragic if they come to know them when too late."

Dean Manion

Dean Clarence Manion of the University of Notre Dame Law School has joined the Rev. John O'Brien of the same institution in denouncing the pro-war agitators in America and warning Americans of the disaster that would follow from our active participation in the European conflict.

In a recent speech at Indianapolis, Indiana, Professor Manion declared:

"I solemnly charge that those cunning leaders who are calling the turns for the American war dance have another objective beyond the destruction of Hitler and Hitlerism.

"When we reach the end of the bloody, bankrupting, demoralizing trail which leads to the grave of Hitlerism, we shall be asked to surrender the independence and sovereignty of the United States!

"The last objective of the interventionist program is the establishment of a World State.

"They hope to merge our now solvent, free American Republic with the bankrupt political structures of the Old World and substitute for the *'Star Spangled Banner'* an international anthem, perhaps the *'Communist Internationale.'*

"When we shall have let our blood and spent our substance in a world conquest of Hitlerism, we shall be too weak to resist the final push.

"A 'shooting war' will be the beginning of the end of the United States.

"If you are interested in preserving this, the last citadel of freedom on earth; if you want life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in the full God-given measure set out in the American *Declaration of Independence*, then keep America independent by keeping the United States out of the pitfall of involvement in this foreign war."

F.D.R. and Royalty

The United States of America owes, in great part, its very existence to the spirit of anti-royalty which dominated our forebears.

The visit of the Duke of Kent to the White House revived the old question of the American attitude towards royalty.

His Great-great-great-grandfather was the most hated enemy America ever knew.

If the Duke of Kent's visit to the White House proves successful, Mr. Roosevelt may be instrumental in saving the throne for the Duke's family.

Now, 165 years after the War of Independence fought against Great Britain, Mr. Roosevelt indicates that he is very friendly towards royalty.

In recent years F.D.R. has entertained King George and Queen Elizabeth, the Earl of Athlone, the King's uncle and Governor-General of Canada, and the Duchess of Athol.

At Hyde Park he has thrown wide his doors to the Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Ingrid of Denmark;

To the Crown Princess Martha of Norway;

To the Crown Princess Louise and her son, Prince Bertil, of Sweden;

To the Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxemburg and her consort, Prince Felix;

To the Maharajah of Kapurthala.

This list will be amplified as the months go by.

It would not surprise us if F.D.R. makes room for Winnie Churchill—"the sloppiest man who ever wore a waistcoat." That's what the English call him.

Incidentally, we hear that the British plan to confer on Winnie the title of Duke of Dunkirk. "Dun" means "hill"; "Kirk" means "church."

Comment

Jews Issue Call for 'Vengeance' and Hate

AN APPEAL by prominent Jews in Soviet Russia to Jews throughout the world to "disrupt the economic resources of the Fascists *in whatever part of the world you are*" was made at a meeting in Moscow recently, according to a broadcast from the Moscow radio.

The *New York Herald Tribune* reported an account received by the Columbia Broadcasting System. The *New York Times*, quite significantly, deleted the paragraph.

We quote:

"The voice of the blood that has been shed calls out not for fasting and prayer, *but for vengeance;* not for ritual candles, but for flames to consume the hangmen of humanity; not for tears, but for hatred and resistance to the monsters and cannibals; not in words, but in deeds, now or never," the appeal said.

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Ilya Ehrenburg, Soviet novelist, one of the signers of the appeal, added a personal message. He said:

"I appeal to the Jews of America as a Russian writer and as a Jew. There is no ocean behind which you can hide. Listen to rumble of cannon from Gomel. Hear the cries of the tortured Russian and Jewish women from Berdichev. You cannot close your ears or shut your eyes! Your tranquil dreams, tranquil for the time being, are broken by the voices of the Ukrainian Leah, Minsk Rachel and the Byelostock Sarah, weeping for their tortured children. Jews! The beast is preparing to fling himself at you!

"Our place *is in the front ranks*, we shall not be indifferent and we condemn those who try to wash their hands."

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And the Communist *Daily Worker* (Aug. 27) gives prominent display to a "moving and powerful appeal issued to the Jewish people of the world when the Nazis first invaded Vilna." The appeal was issued, says the *Worker*, by the Vilna Rabbinical Council (Jewish Kahilla and Uvad Harshonim), and sent to Joseph Tcherobutsky, official representative of the Moscow Jewish Kahilla in the Moscow Soviet, and chief *Gabbai* (religious office) of the great Moscow Jewish Synagogue on Spasoglinitcher Street.

The text of this "historic message," as the *Worker* calls it, follows in full:

"Children of our People!

"Chosen of God!

"The new Haman, Hitler, may his name be cursed, has thrust his bloody nails into the remaining Jewish population which lives in peace on the Eastern side of Europe.

"Eight years of oppression and enslavement of the Jewish people in Germany are not enough for this enemy of the Jews. Seas of Jewish blood flowing throughout western and middle Europe, wherever his heavy boots have trod are not enough for him. He is not satisfied with the rivers of tears of the dishonored daughters of Israel and the orphaned Jewish children. He wants to annihilate the entire Jewish people and heal his leprous flesh with Jewish blood.

"The earth sobs from the tears of our children, wives and mothers. Hitler hurls shame and savagery against the Jewish people.

"At all times our great God has sent to our succor great leaders of peoples, among whom there were: Xerxes, King of Persia; Alexander the Great, Richard, the Lion Heart, and many other great representatives of people who protected us. And at this time the great leaders of the Soviet people headed by our redeemer, Josef Stalin, have earned the name of defenders of our people.

"Help them, God! Give them Health and Victory! Hear, Oh Lord, our cry, our tears, our blood, our families, the memory of our forefathers, the cry of our children, the plea of all the sons of Israel! Amen!

"With the sharp sword of your wrath rend asunder the hearts of our enemies; cursed be their names.

"Great and Almighty God! For the houses of learning which they have destroyed; for the Holy Walls which have been broken; for the great men who have been destroyed by the hands of the bloody beast, Hitler, let his murderous name and memory be blotted off the face of the earth.

"Long live those who are fighting against the bloody enemy, Hitler!

"Long life and health to the Red Army! Amen!

"Let us lift our voice in prayer for the victory of the Red Army over Hitler! Amen!

"Let us help guarantee the victory of our beloved liberators, the Red Army! Amen!

"Brothers and Sisters! Remember *the victory of the Red Army is also the victory of our own Jewish people!*"

'Rulers of Russia'

A LIMITED supply of this book (American edition revised and enlarged) by the Rev. Denis Fahey, C.S.Sp., professor of philosophy and church history at Holy Ghost Missionary College, Kimmage, Dublin, is still available at the editorial offices of SOCIAL JUSTICE. Additional requests for the book (25c) will be filled in the order received.

With *"An Answer to the Critics of Father Coughlin,"* this book, *"The Rulers of Russia"* completes the record, as it were, on this timely subject. Thousands of Americans consider the two books indispensable in their reference library.

Write today, therefore, if you still want an additional copy of this important book—*"The Rulers of Russia"* by Father Fahey.

Lies Won't Win War

IN 1928, a member of the British Parliament, Arthur Ponsonby, published a book entitled, *"Falsehood In War-Time."* On page 29 of the *Introduction* he states the following:

"There are some who object to war because of its immorality, there are some who shrink from the arbitrament of arms because of its increased cruelty and barbarity; there are a growing number who protest against this method, at the outset known to be unsuccessful, of attempting to settle international disputes because of its imbecility and futility.

"But there is not a living soul in any country who does not deeply resent having his passions roused, his indignation inflamed, his patriotism exploited, and his highest ideals desecrated by concealment, subterfuge, fraud, falsehood, trickery, and deliberate lying on the part of those in whom he is taught to repose confidence and to whom he is enjoined to pay respect.

"None of the heroes prepared for suffering and sacrifice, none of the common herd ready for service and obedience, will be inclined to listen to the call of their country once they discover the polluted sources whence that call proceeds and recognize the monstrous finger of falsehood which beckons them to the battlefield."

An Audience Acts

AN AMERICAN audience at Youngstown, Ohio, which was unable to hear a peace address because of noisy heckling, organized its own forces for law and order and threw the disturbers out.

The speaker with the peace message was Gerald L. K. Smith, the Detroit radio orator, and chairman of the Committee of One Million.

The disturbers, strategically placed throughout the hall in the orthodox Communist fashion, were obviously endeavoring to break up the meeting.

Pausing in his address, Mr. Smith explained that the audience had come to hear his message and warned that the next disturber would be ejected.

He called for 100 volunteers in the audience to help him do the ejecting. He got 500.

The speaker resumed only to be interrupted again.

"That man down there, about the sixth row—take him out," the speaker directed and the audience complied. This was repeated, attended by considerable "rough house."

"Let's keep an accurate count," Mr. Smith suggested as one after another of the Reds were thrown downstairs. When no more evidenced the courage of their dissent, he called for a report.

Thirty-four persons had been ejected from the peace rally and 27 of the 34 were Jews!

"Now there it is," the speaker went on. "If we had not taken this little census, you in this audience would have gone home convinced by their noise that there were at least 500 of them! But that is about the proportion of these noise makers in this country—34 out of 2,000 and, among the disturbing element, 27 in 34!"

Mr. Smith then called upon the audience to express its views. All in sympathy with the purpose of the peace meeting were invited to rise and all but about 25 did so.

"Never be afraid to express your honest opinion," the speaker said. "You always have the right to dissent. But, we the people of America, are giving notice here and now that we have got to the point where we are not going to tolerate these noisy little disturbers—34 in 2,000—interfering with the peace will of the great American people!"

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Somehow, your SOCIAL JUSTICE commentator could not escape the impression that the Youngstown incident was symbolic—it may even be historic. For it may mark a turning point and the end of lethargy and indifference on the part of real Americans to these noisy disturbances by the international trouble-makers.

Certainly, they have been asking for it long enough.

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The Descent to Socialism

WE CAN stand the war if we must, says a recent editorial in the *Boston Post*, which goes on to warn:

"It is *beyond the war* that a vast gulf yawns, and into it we appear to be headed.

"It is the deep pit of Socialism, and if ever a nation should be warned of that danger, this country should take umbrage here and today!

"Socialism is one of the greatest revolutions ever to face human society. It is at one and the same time a brilliant and plausible solution of material and physical ills, and a hideous spiritual disease of known virulence, which tends to destroy the dignity and majesty of man.

"Socialism is a combination of doctrines, most curiously woven into a pattern of behavior by Karl Marx many years ago, which has intrigued some of the clearest and the most expressive minds of this and several preceding generations.

"It appeals to mentalities which are both introspective and humane. It holds out the promise of a better world — but it does not tell the whole truth in its teachings. *It involves destruction of the simple canons of the home, the family and ownership of one's hearth and castle . . .*

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"America is headed for Socialism.

"That is apparent to every Socialist in our midst, to everyone who takes time to think, to the world at large.

"We, of course, are not alone in our drift to complete Government control of our lives and our possessions.

"England is beginning to feel the restless urge of forces tidal in their rise and fall, which are working her loose from her historic moorings.

"Germany has already gone over the dam, with her dictatorship garbed in National Socialism and her philosophy already sunken in the vast lust for material things which characterizes the Marxian movement.

"Russia, carrying the title of Socialist at the masthead of her collection of Soviet Republics, for a generation has been pawning her birthright for Socialism and even now is locked in a bloody struggle over her right to maintain it against an enemy whose stripe is as desperately destructive as her own . . .

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"Communism, the unwanted child of Socialism, by comparison has dignified the older and the more subtle school of thought so that it is acceptable in America.

"The urbane and handsome Norman Thomas, second only to Cordell Hull in point of saintly respectability in this country, typifies the earnest and dangerous apostles of the mighty revolutionary force.

"Mr. Thomas moves in circles of the select, he gives lectures at institutions so burdened with wealth that they know not what to do with it, he voices such admonitory theories of honor in government that he makes democracy look like the blood brother of tyranny and only a step more respectable than Bolshevism.

"Slowly and quietly fall the footsteps of the advancing zealots of Socialism upon the marble halls of Washington.

"Wages and hours and taxes and benefits, pensions and subsidies, social security and free mortgages, farm help and home lectures, collectivism and Government houses, health programmes and birth control.

"Onward and onward goes the nation, sweeping past its borders like a swollen and muddy stream — onward to the Niagara and the misty gorge.

"Gone are the doctrines of free will and self-determination, of the family and the law of property and competition.

"Going is democracy!"

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